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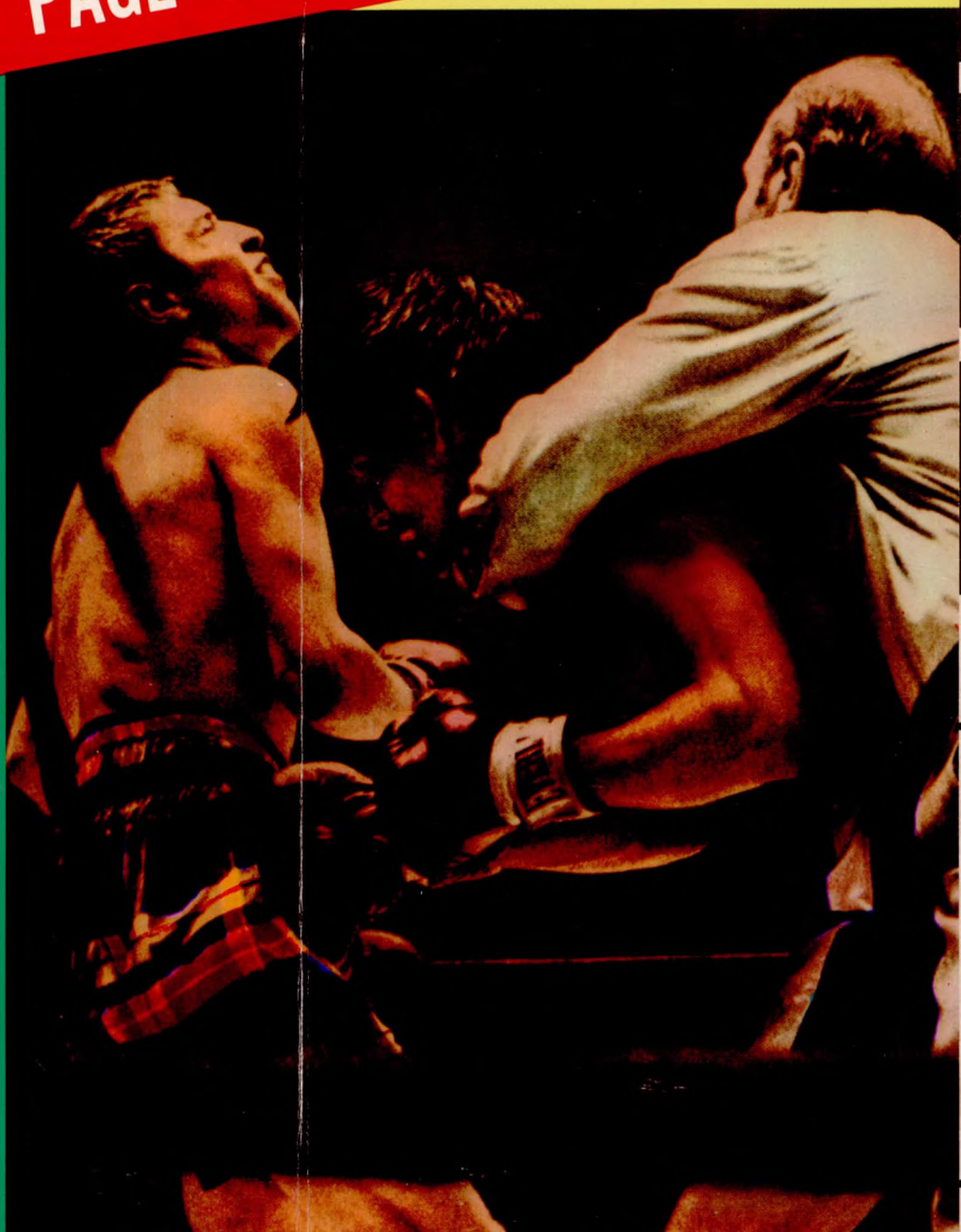

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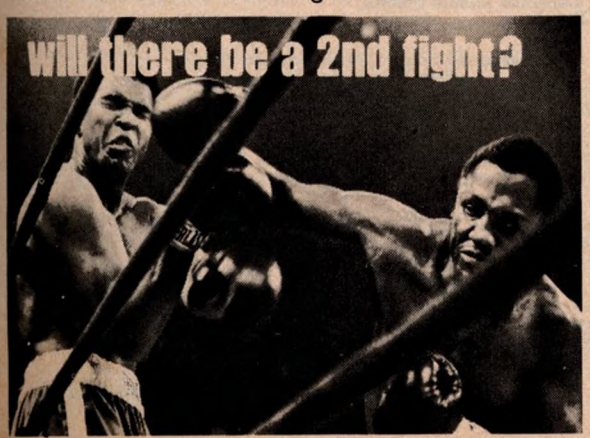

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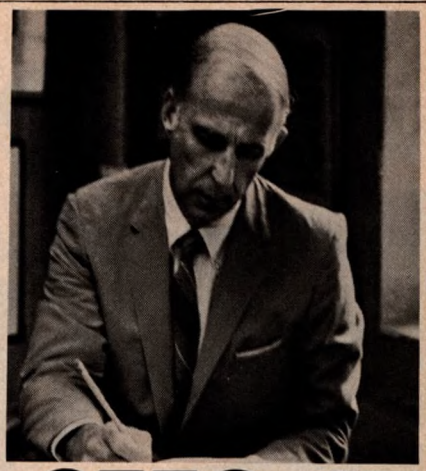

AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

NAT FLEISCHER, founder of The Ring in 1922 and its publisher and editor for 50 years is dead. He did more for boxing than any other man in its history. He fought the corrupt, he aided the beneficiaries of pugilism. He was for God, for Country, and for boxing.

For Nat Fleischer there was no compromising with the devious. There was no surrender to the unscrupulous. He fought the governing of boxing by political influence. He stood for the right. The fighters, fans and the sport itself were his world and their protection was his life.

As Nat Fleischer's successor in the post of editor of this publication it is my intention to adhere closely to the policies which he maintained so stringently and so straightforwardly for over half a century.

In the case of the draft-refusing Cassius Clay, Fleischer was confronted with a situation that was unique. Commissions and other governing bodies lost no time in announcing that the controversial boxer no longer was the world champion.

Adhering to the principle that titles could be won or lost only in the ring, this magazine upheld Clay's title claim for three and a half years.

Then Cassius resigned the championship and announced his retirement. Then, and only then, with the accompanying factor of Joe Frazier's victory over Jimmy Ellis, did The Ring recognize the title claim of the Olympic champion from Philadelphia.

It is with great humility and a thorough sense of responsibility that the new publisher and editor sits at Nat Fleischer's old desk and assumes the direction of a magazine which has built up universal power and influence, and a respect exceeded by no other publication in its special field.

It is not the intent of this magazine to stand stock still.

It will flow along the tide of progress, as it did under Nat Fleischer's direction. He was no stand-patter. Nor will his successor be one.

Running a boxing magazine calls for dedication and devotion, and a steadfastness of purpose even in the face of at times forceful criticism.

"Let us make sure that we are in the right, and once convinced, come Hell or high water, let us stick to our decision," Fleischer told his staff on many an occasion. His batting average was amazingly high.

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The Ring glories in boxing's past when that glory is justified. The Ring glories in boxing's future, convinced that its destinies demand confidence and a growing need for cleanliness and strict standards.

The Ring is certain to go on to bigger things, to greater strength and influence.

It will maintain its covenant with boxing enthusiasts, readers of this magazine and non-readers, because there is so much in boxing that is good for the world.

There is one point of contact between the editor and his staff, and The Ring's readers which the new director will examine with the utmost care. That may be found in the ratings, both monthly and annually.

The ratings gave Nat Fleischer more concern than almost anything else connected with the conduct of this enterprise. He was a very sensitive man, and complaints from readers having to do with the ratings pained.

We are aware of the vast differences of opinion insofar as the ratings are concerned. We are also cognizant of the fact that it is utterly impossible to please all the readers all the time.

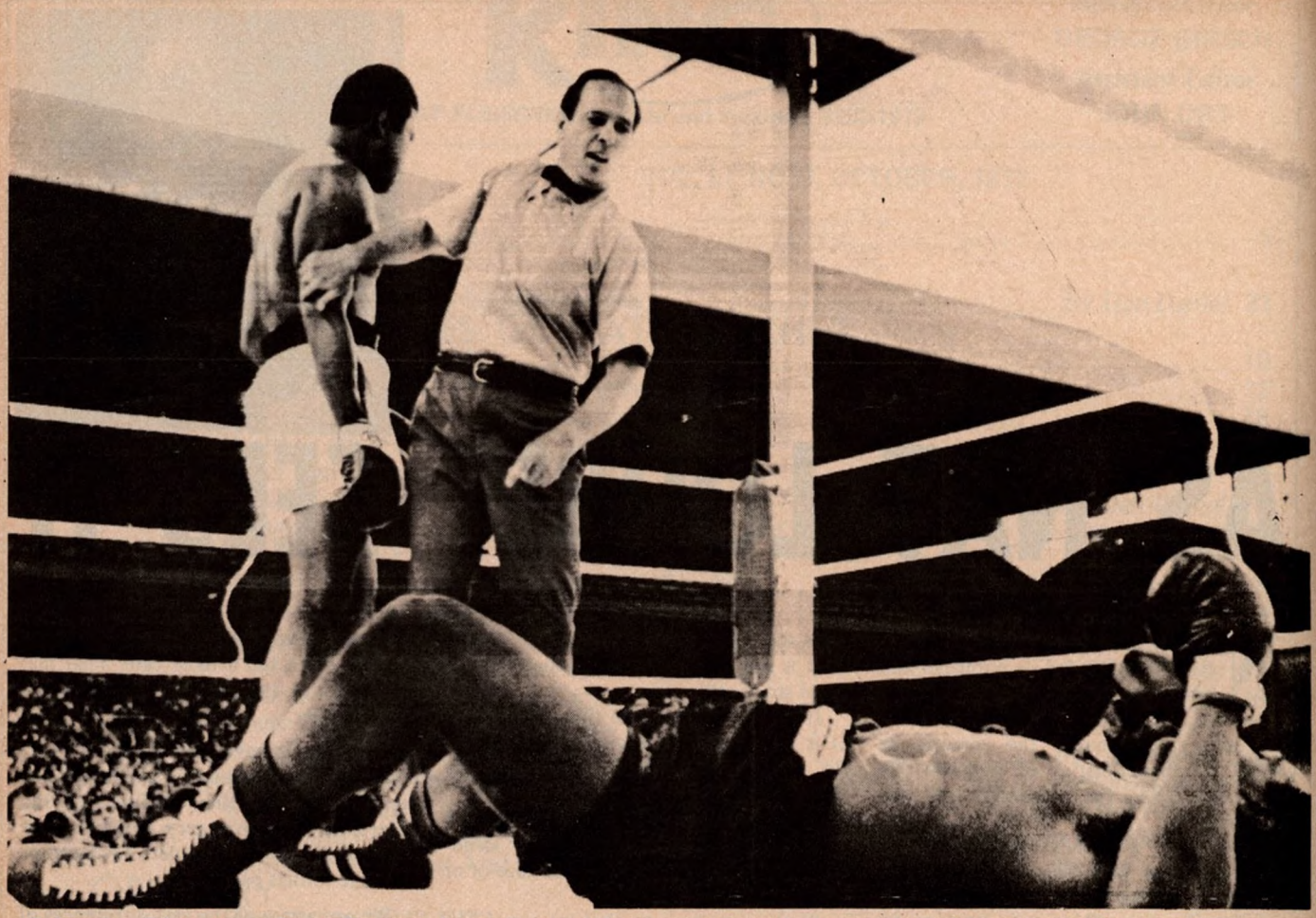
The very fact that the ratings develop so much controversy is a good thing for the sport.

The Ring is not inclined to shy away from controversial subjects. The ratings are not made by one man. The staff considers them carefully, at length. There are times when the temperature of the room in which the ratings are discussed rises to the limits of the thermometer.

The Ring has no axes to grind in setting up the ratings. It merely seeks to do the right thing. And the right thing will continue to be done under the new direction, as it was done for so many years under the editorship of Nat Fleischer.

Our readers may rest assured that there will be no letdown in adherence to what is right.

The new editor takes a solemn oath that he will do the best for boxing, at all times. That, of course, also goes for Associate Editor Dan Daniel, who has been with The Ring since its inception in 1922; George Girsch, promoted to Managing Editor; and Assistant Editor John Ort.



Referee Lew Eskin motions Cassius Clay toward neutral corner as he prepares to start count over Al (Blue) Lewis in the fifth round of their scheduled 12 at Dublin, Ireland. Lewis, however, was still on his feet when the bout was halted in round 11.

AFTER BAD SHOW BY CLAY FABULOUS OFFERS ABOUND FOR FIGHT WITH FRAZIER

By DAN DANIEL

WHILE Joe Frazier, heavyweight champion of the world, continues in seclusion, Cassius Clay continues his itinerant career as the one and only challenger, and money-maker.

Developments which inevitably will culminate in the second meeting of Joe and Cassius are moving along at a faster pace and indicate the approach of a settlement which will satisfy the amazingly lavish demands of the boxers.

No sooner had Clay stopped Al (Blue) Lewis, another American, in Dublin in the 11th round, referee Lew Eskin imported from New York, signalling the cessation as a wobbly Lewis groped around with both eyes closed, than a British syndicate reportedly put in an offer for the Frazier-Clay battle.

The Dublin affair was not a success financially. There were 20,000 spectators at Croke Park and they paid a reported scant $200,000.

The entire gate went to Clay. Lewis got $25,000 and his meagre chance. The promoters lost about $100,000 and Dublin is not looking for a rematch.

It was the first title fight there in four decades, the first since Mike McTigue defeated Battling Siki in 20 rounds for the light heavy title on March 17, 1923.

A London syndicate reportedly has offered $8,000,000 for a Frazier-Clay fight. Each boxer would get $3,000,000 and Jack Kent Cooke, who holds the option on the fight, would receive $2,000,000 for his rights.

The battle ground doubtless would be in England, eliminating tax considerations which at this time bar the fight from New York.

The British syndicate is said to have been organized by Albert Dimeo, London's No. 1 bookmaker. He is said to have

conferred with Bob Arum, Clay's lawyer, and Chris Dundee, in Dublin.

According to Bruce Wright, Frazier's lawyer, a Philadelphia group has offered $2,500,000 to Cooke for his option.

Wright revealed that the champion now demanded more than Clay. Joe has been talking about $3,500,000 and Yank Durham, his trainer-manager, has been hollering about $4,000,000.

What with one incredible demand and another, all minus an approach to precedent, the financial picture is bewildering to the man in the street.

It is interesting that established, well-known promoters are not in the bidding.

Capitalists with a lot of money, looking for more, regard the Frazier-Clay fight, with its vast closed circuit television possibilities, as a modern Golconda, a latter day Comstock Lode, a rediscovery of King Solomon's gold mines.

Insiders warn us not to overlook the Houston Astrodome. Tax and other situations surrounding a fight are ideal in Harris County, Texas. The arena is big enough, although with closed, circuit TV, the old importance of big seating capacity no longer exists.

There are enough millionaires in Texas to set up a syndicate. Telecasting conditions out of Houston are splendid and Yank Durham picks that city as his favorite for the fight.

As for Jack Kent Cooke selling his rights, that's highly questionable.

Jack has his own arena, The Forum, in the Inglewood section of Los Angles, and this creates an apparent bar to selling his option.

The feeling on the inside is that after their battle, both Joe and Cassius will retire and leave the field to such as George Foreman and even Danny McAlinden.

Frazier has promised an astonishing announcement after the fight and report still favors his setting up a sickle cell foundation to fight the scourge of the Negro.

While all this guff about money pervades the atmosphere, how about Cassius Clay and Joe Frazier? How do they shape up at this time?

In beating up Lewis on the way to the Floyd Patterson fight, Clay did not look good, and he was most vehement in supporting that estimate of his Irish condition.

"If I fight Patterson the way I fought Lewis, Floyd will be a happy man," said Cassius, as he admitted missing too often and failing to bring about his combinations.

He did his customary dancing about the ring and performed quite a surgical job on Blue. But at no time did Clay look like a possible winner over the bull from Philadelphia, who was working quietly with Durham at their Margate, N.J. camp.

Lewis, from Detroit, was no better than had been expected. It was maybe the best possible match Dublin could buy for the money offered. Now, more than ever, in world boxing, you get what you pay for—if you are lucky.

The fight was Ireland's special version of the Battle of the Long Count.

In the fifth round, Clay landed a good right hand chop to the jaw.

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Blue Lewis lands a left to Clay's jaw during their contest. Lewis drew blood from Cassius' nose during the fourth round.

By GEORGE GIRSCH

Floyd Takes Another Step On Way To Clay Fight

Patterson digs a hard right to the midsection of Pedro Agosto during the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder. Pedro winces upon impact.

THEY have been asking the question for many years: Why does Floyd Patterson keep on fighting? And Floyd has been answering by fighting and winning.

Patterson, the only two-time heavyweight champion in captivity, is pointing for his forthcoming meeting with Cassius Clay at Madison Square Garden. After decisioning Oscar Bonavena last February, Floyd recently had himself a workout against Pedro Agosto, a 24-year-old Puerto Rican who had not engaged in a boxing contest since April, 1971, at the Singer Bowl, an outdoor arena on the site of the World's Fair grounds in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, N.Y.

The 37-year-old former titleholder easily captured the 55th victory of his career against seven losses and one draw, as referee Arthur Mercante halted the one-sided contest after the sixth round. It was Patterson's 40th knockout triumph. Floyd, who weighed 193½, as against Agosto's 196, repeatedly smashed hard volleys of lefts and rights to his opponent's head and mid-section. While Agosto, who absorbed his fourth defeat as against 24 wins, would connect with a single punch here and there, Floyd's rat-tat-tat combinations landed six or eight to Pedro's one.

Patterson was satisfied with his performance, saying that "I get better with age. I'd like to fight both Clay and Frazier when I'm 38 or 39. I'm fighting Clay this year because I don't know if I would get the chance to fight him next year.

"I want to keep on fighting for the next two years. I expect to reach my peak then. I think I will have mastered every move by then because I'm getting better all the time. I am more confident of my ability right now than Clay is of his."

Patterson continued his post-fight session with the press by saying that "I felt better physically and was faster and sharper than I was against Bonavena. I was very well satisfied.

"Agosto is a good puncher. When I got hit with his right I remembered it. He's very game and has a lot of heart," added a gracious Floyd.

And as to Clay, "It'll be a good fight. I think I can reach him with my left hand."

That, however, remains to be seen, as the difference in their size and reach may be too much for Patterson to overcome. And, of course, Clay did handle Floyd rather handily in their first meeting back in 1965 at Las Vegas, halting him in 12 rounds with Patterson unable to continue due to a bad back. Clay, however, was not able to put his almost helpless foe on the canvas. But, that was seven long years ago, and this is a different Floyd Patterson and a different Cassius Clay.

Patterson's hands seemed as fast as ever against Agosto, who broke his left hand in the second round. In the first, Pedro drew some blood from Floyd's nose. But it was Floyd's fight all the way. At the end, referee Mercante and judge Tony Castellano had it 6-0 and judge Harold Lederman called it 5-1.

Against a boxer of his own size, Floyd can more than hold his own. He's smarter

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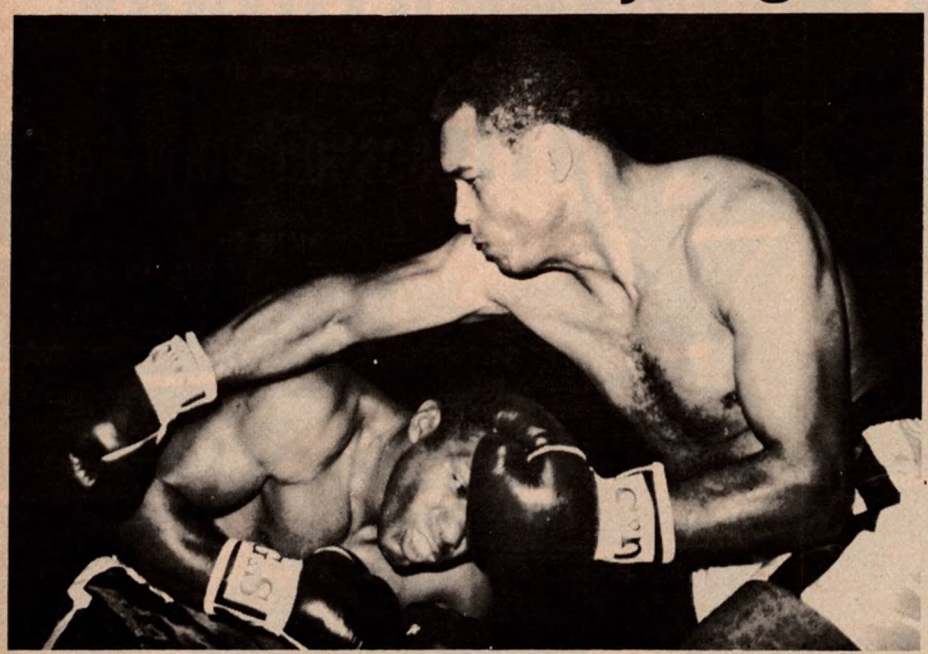

Agosto misses with a long right aimed at Patterson's head. The bout was stopped after the sixth round with Floyd declared the victor.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF NAT FLEISCHER

MR. BOXING, 1887-1972

NATHANIEL Stanley Fleischer, who started The Ring in 1922, lived to pass his 84th birthday and celebrate the 50th anniversary of his publication. How many other editor-publishers in this country have been able to enjoy a similar experience is not known.

Could be he was in a class all by himself insofar as that was concerned, just as he was in a class by himself in so many other details of a memorable life and spectacularly successful career.

Fleischer was born on November 3, 1887, in New York, and died on June 25, 1972.

Within this long span of life he did more for boxing than any other man had achieved in the entire history of the sport.

How did this quiet, Victorian gentleman, who abhorred personal contention, become so thoroughly involved in boxing?

How did this man with an utterly clean life, with an almost prudish attitude toward the free and easy argot of the fistic company, become so completely immersed in boxing history, boxing mores, boxing good and welfare, and a life-long battle against subversive influences and hoodlum penetration into the sport?

It appears to be an enigma, and yet it is very simple.

Fleischer's interest in boxing stemmed from his adoption of sports writing as a career.

It wasn't long before he became a sports editor. It wasn't long before he became annoyed by the fact that he was smelling something rotten in the state of Denmark.

Boxing and its matchless romance, boxing and its appeal to the historian, boxing with its will to win, with its rich avenues toward triumph and riches, albeit the sport's vast temptations and hidden lanes of perfidy, took hold of Nat Fleischer with a firmness he could not resist.

If he smelled something crooked, he fought it. If he spotted the devious mind and devious hand, he cared not whose scalp he went after.

There was a time when, after the death of Tex Rickard, the quirky Mike Jacobs, who had sold spurious lemon drops on Coney Island excursion boats, planned a move which Nat regarded with distaste, even suspicion. The crusader hollered, long and loud. Mike desisted. But Fleischer did not speak to him again for more than two years.

If, within the hearing of Nat Fleischer, you attempted a "dirty story", even the simple double entendre, he turned away in disgust. He was truly puritanical.

Yet this peace loving man wrapped himself up in a sport which, of necessity, had so much to do with violence.

Discussing this one day he said, "My father was a lover of quiet and a hater of controversy. But, as I grew up in the New York ghetto, I learned that he who turns the other cheek is very likely to wind up with a bloody nose. I found out that you had to be tough to survive, and I developed a tremendous fondness for boxing. I tried to be an amateur boxer but it was distinctly no go."

Fleischer grew up in a large family of big individual and mass achievement – two lawyers, a dentist, a major auctioneer, a leading accountant.

He was graduated from the City College of New York and qualified as a school teacher. But the confinement of the classroom and the regimentation of his job were not for him.

He studied forestry for a time, at Yale. He studied chemistry for a while at New York University.

Then he decided to go in for sports writing. He applied to Jim Price at the New York Press and got infrequent assignments. It was a tough life. The paper was a loser. It ran more sports than any other in New York or in the entire country, for that matter. But the financial return was meagre.

Eventually Nat became firmly entrenched on the Press staff. When Price resigned, Joe Millard took his place. When Millard moved on to the Hearst outfit, lo and behold, there was Nat Fleischer at the sports editor's desk.

Fleischer got some fine breaks when Frank Munsey purchased the Press and eventually enticed Keats Speed to quit a big newspaper job in Atlanta and move to New York.

Keats liked Nat. As Speed moved up, so did Nat gain promotion.

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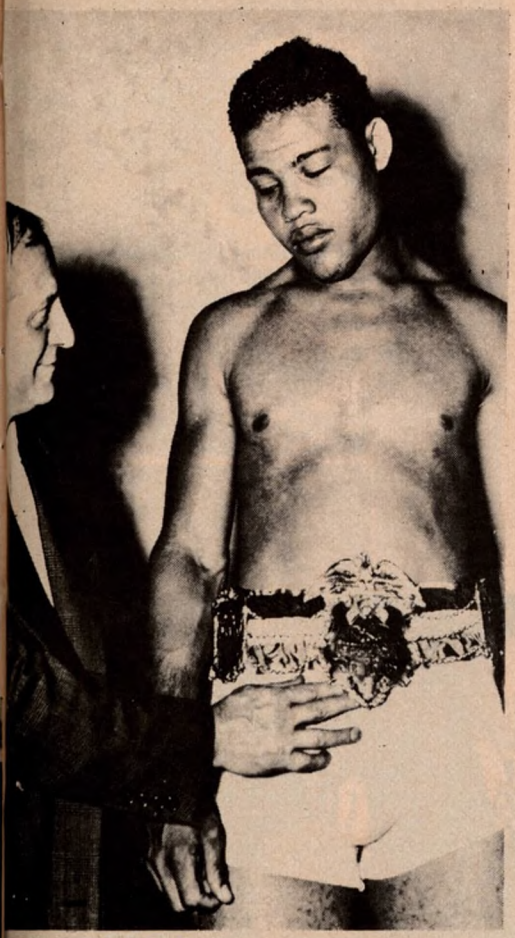
THROUGH THE YEARS WITH NAT FLEISCHER

A PICTORIAL REMEMBRANCE OF BOXING'S NO. 1 SAGE

(Left) Nat Fleischer in the early 1930s when he did some radio broadcasting for various stations in New York. This was taken in the NBC studios. (Right) Fleischer displays the first few items in his watch collection, circa 1932.



Joe Louis receives his Ring championship belt from Fleischer in 1937.

At work in the Ring offices in the Madison Square Garden arcade.

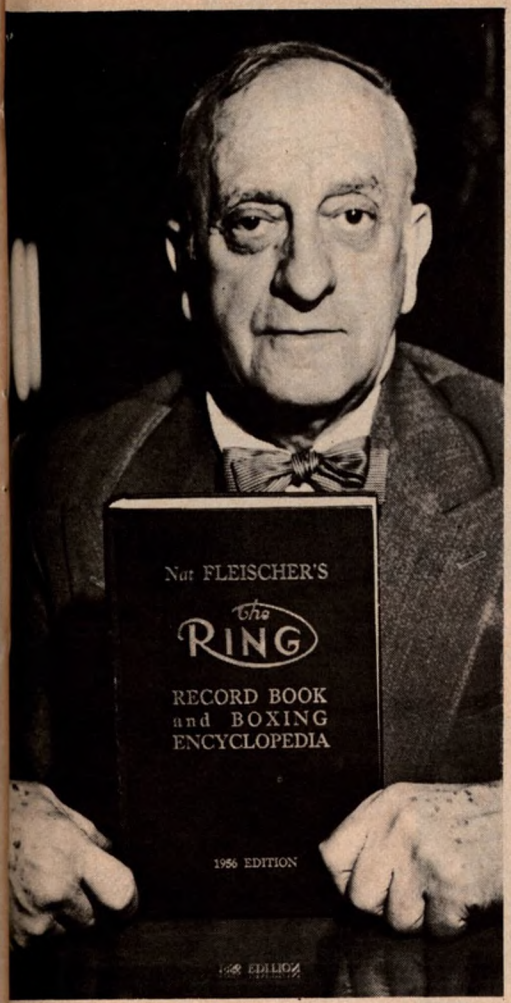
Referee Fleischer poses with featherweigh champion Joey Archibald (left) and Simo Chavez, South and Central American titleholde prior to their meeting in Caracas, Venezuela o July 9, 1939. The ring temperature was 10 and Chavez received Fleischer's decision afte 10 rounds of the non-title engagement.

Fleischer and his wife, Gertrude, (both at far right) with a group from the European Boxing Union in the Vatican during an audience with Pope Pius XII in 1947.

Fleischer presenting the Edward J. Neil Trophy for 1950 from the Boxing Writers' Association to Sugar Ray Robinson.

Former heavyweight king Jim Jeffries is about to cut the cake on his 75th birthday at Burbank, Calif. on April 15th, 1950. Ringing him are attorney Jerry Giesler, ex-welterweight champion Jimmy McLarnin, Babe Davidson and Fleischer. The tall man behind Giesler is Jack Jeffries, Jim's brother.

Fleischer poses with Archie Moore after the latter won the light heavyweight title in St. Louis in 1952.



Mr. Boxing displays his pride and joy—the annual Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia—back in 1956.

On November 10, 1956, Fleischer unveiled a memorial plaque to Les Darey in Maitland, New South Wales, Australia. It was on the site of the blacksmith shop where the immortal Darcy served his apprenticeship.

On September 23, 1958, Fleischer was presented with a handsome plaque from the Boxing Writers' Association. Asked to do the honors were former champions (l. to r.) Tony Canzoneri, Tommy Loughran, Barney Ross, Mickey Walker and Abe Attell.

Honored by the Sports Lodge of B'nai B'rith at its annual dinner in New York in 1959, were (left to right) Fleischer; jockey Ismael Valenzuela; harness driver Stanley Dancer; pro football's Johnny Unitas; college football's Pete Dawkins; baseball's Roy Campanella, in wheelchair; baseball's Bob Turley; track and field's Rafer Johnson; baseball's Joe Cronin and bowler Alfred Farragalli.

A three-way handshake at Ingemar Johansson's training camp prior to the Swede's first bout with Floyd Patterson in 1959 between the coming champ, Jack Dempsey and The Ring editor and publisher.

Fleischer arrives in Stockholm, Sweden, in June, 1964.

Fleischer points out some molds of famous fists on display in The Ring Museum.

Waiting to testify before the House Commerce Committee in 1965 are Fleischer, General Melvin L. Krulewitch, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission and Harry Markson, Director of Boxing at Madison Square Garden.

Fleischer playfully tests the muscles of newly-arrived Argentine heavyweight Oscar Bonavena on a visit to The Ring offices.

A smiling Fleischer poses with four pretty Thai maidens on a visit to Bangkok in 1966 for the Chartchai Chionoi-Walter McGowan encounter.

Fleischer and welterweight king Jose Napoles both beam after The Ring editor presented a championship belt to the Cuban-born titleholder in 1970.

EXCLUSIVE!

FLEISCHER'S ALL-TIME CHOICES

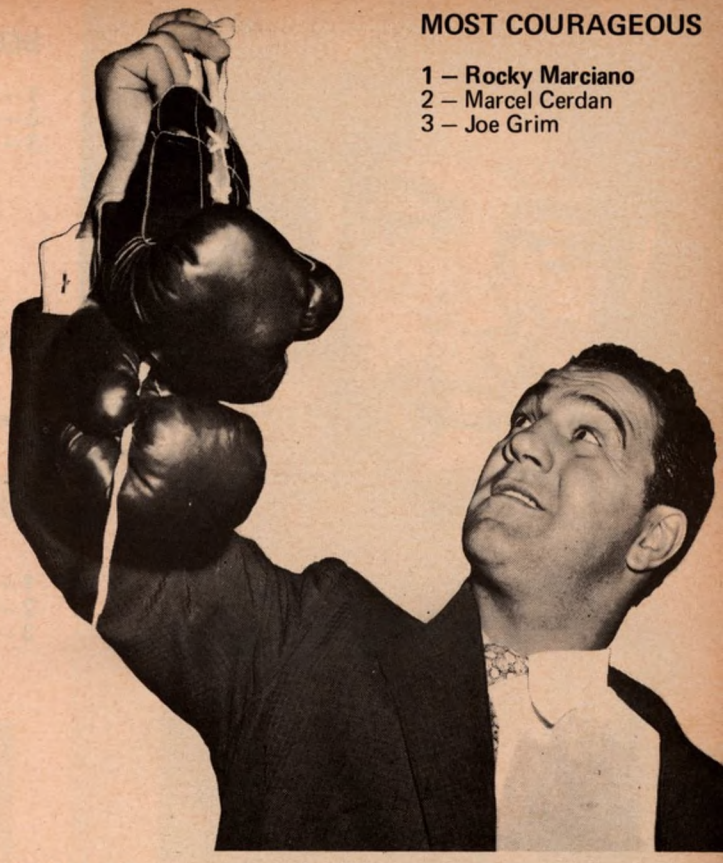
AS so many of us do, Nat Fleischer sometimes put things off. One of those things was the publication of his all-time choices in many various boxing categories. Of course, his all-time ranking of boxers has appeared in The Ring Boxing Encyclopedia and Record Book for many years.

But here, for the first time is the listing made by "Mr. Boxing" of his selections of the three best in the 21 most important departments of boxing.

Leading the parade as tops in three categories are Jack Dempsey and Benny Leonard, with Jack Johnson rated the best all-around ringman.

BEST ALL-AROUND FIGHTER

1 – Jack Johnson
2 – Jack Dempsey
3 – Joe Louis



MOST COURAGEOUS

1 – Rocky Marciano
2 – Marcel Cerdan
3 – Joe Grim

BEST PUNCHER

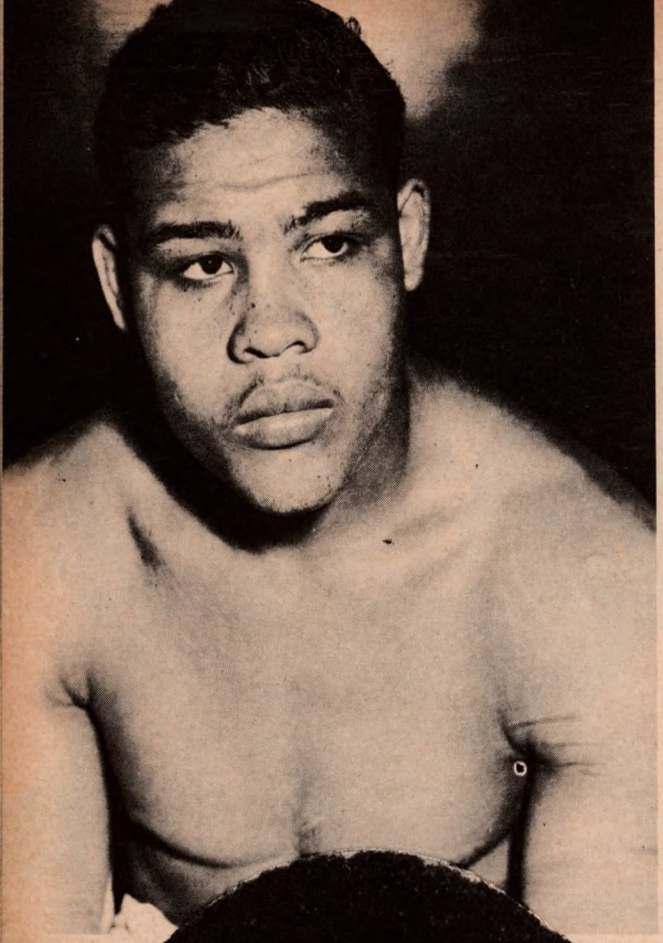
1 – Jack Dempsey
2 – Max Baer
3 – Rocky Marciano

BEST LEFT

1 – Stanley Ketchel
2 – Tony Galento
3 – Bob Foster

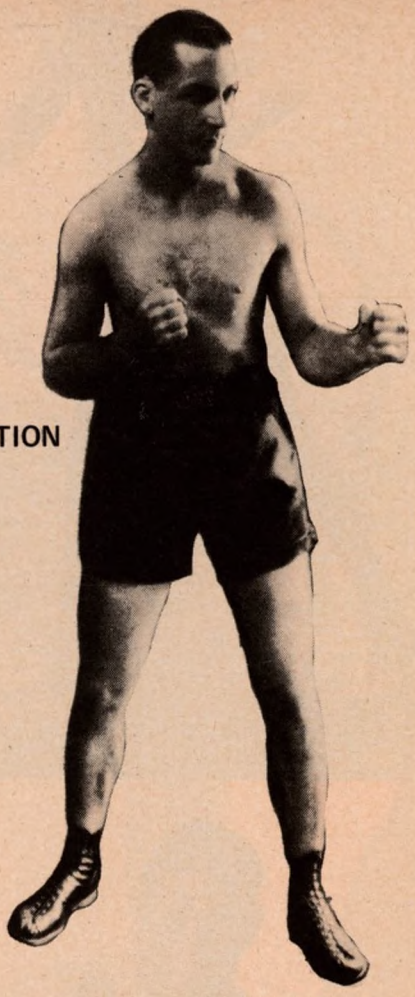
BEST RIGHT

1 – Max Baer
2 – Jack Delaney
3 – Willie Lewis



BEST JAB

1 – Joe Louis
2 – Cassius Clay
3 – Jem Driscoll



BEST COMBINATION PUNCHER

1 – Benny Leonard
2 – Ray Robinson
3 – Cassius Clay

FASTEST HANDS

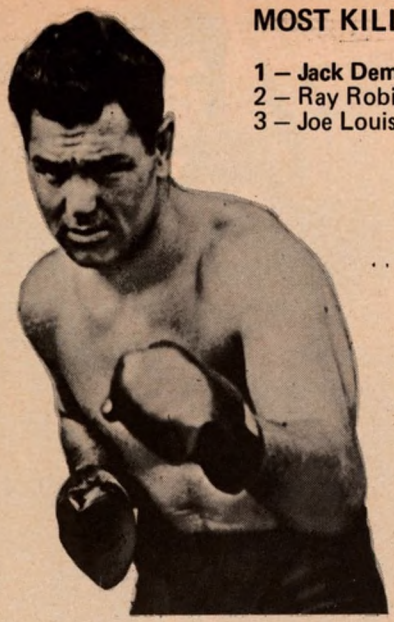
1 – Willie Pep
2 – Pascual Perez
3 – Floyd Patterson

BEST BODY PUNCHER

1 – Joe Frazier
2 – Tony Zale
3 – Paul Berlenbach

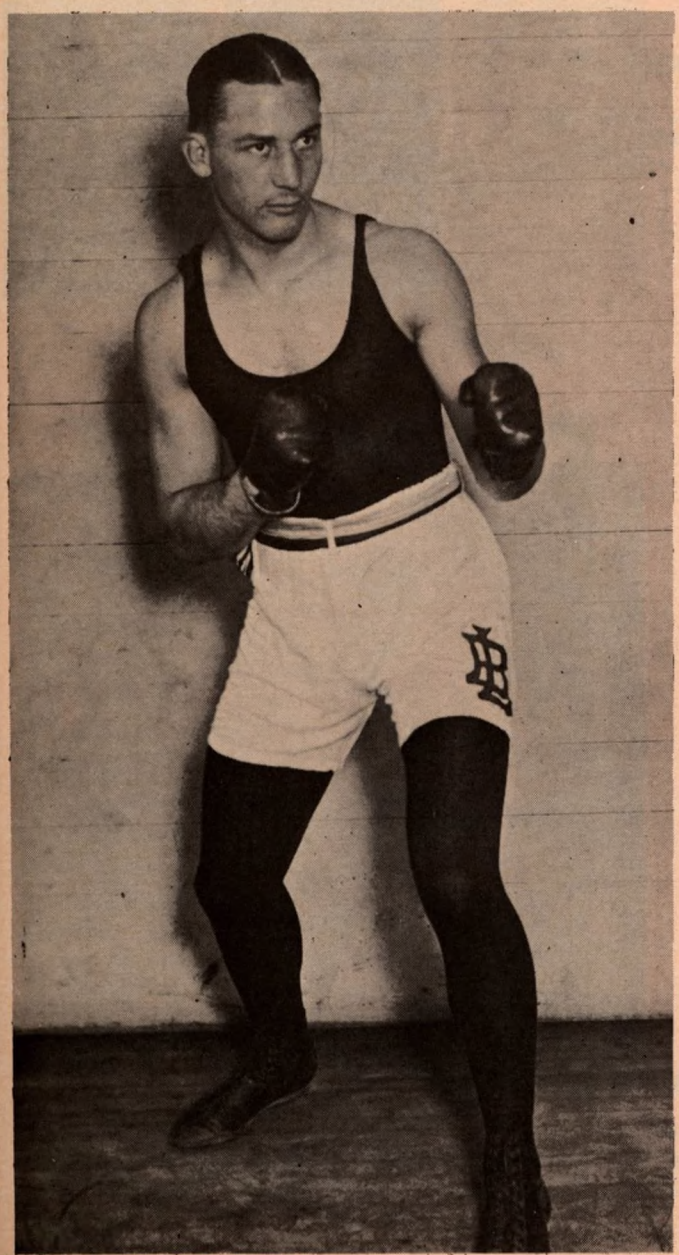
MOST KILLER INSTINCT

1 – Jack Dempsey
2 – Ray Robinson
3 – Joe Louis



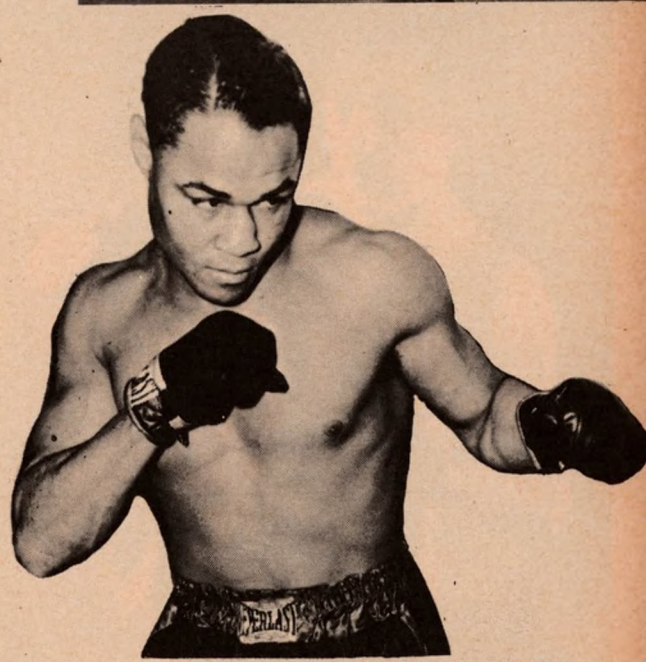
BEST FOOTWORK

1 – Gene Tunney
2 – Tommy Loughran
3 – Cassius Clay



MOST SCIENTIFIC

1 – Benny Leonard
2 – Young Griffo
3 – Jem Driscoll

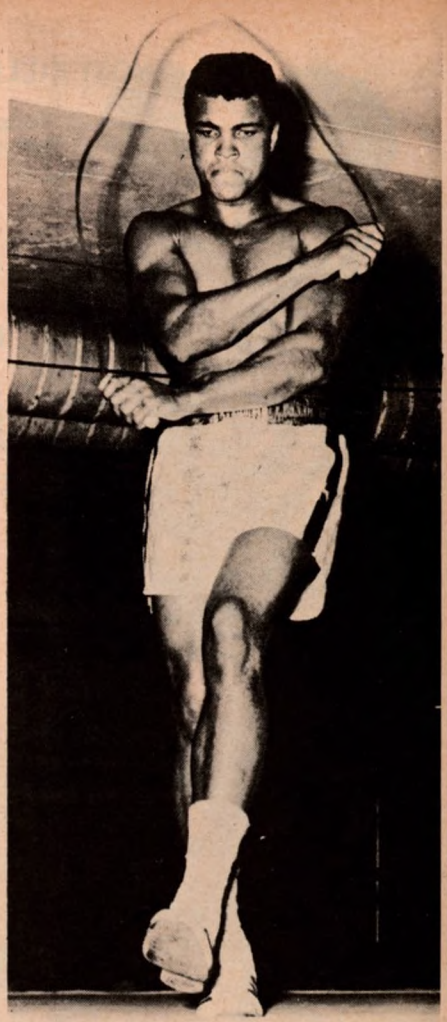


MOST AGGRESSIVE

1 – Henry Armstrong
2 – Joe Frazier
3 – Harry Greb

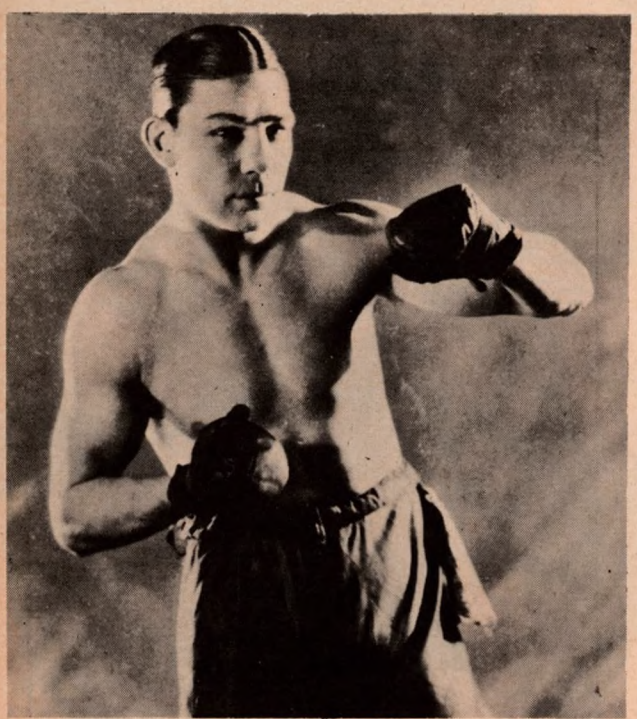
BEST DEFENSE

1 – Jack Johnson
2 – Cassius Clay
3 – Tommy Loughran



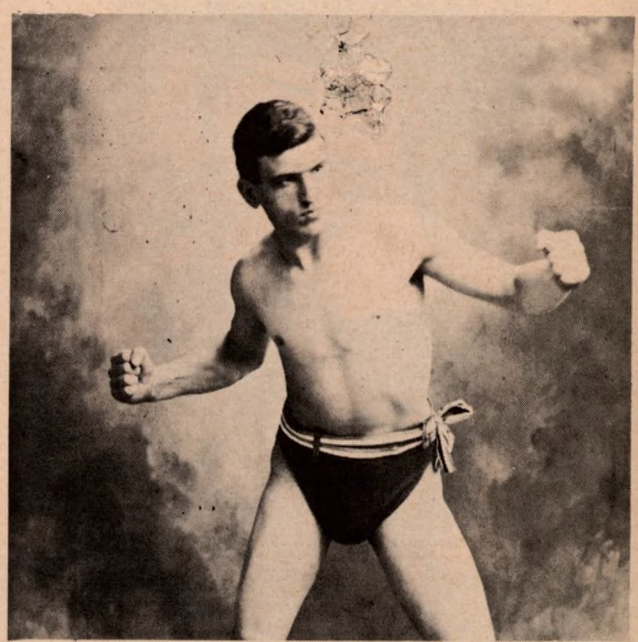
MOST COLORFUL

1 – Cassius Clay
2 – Max Baer
3 – Ray Robinson



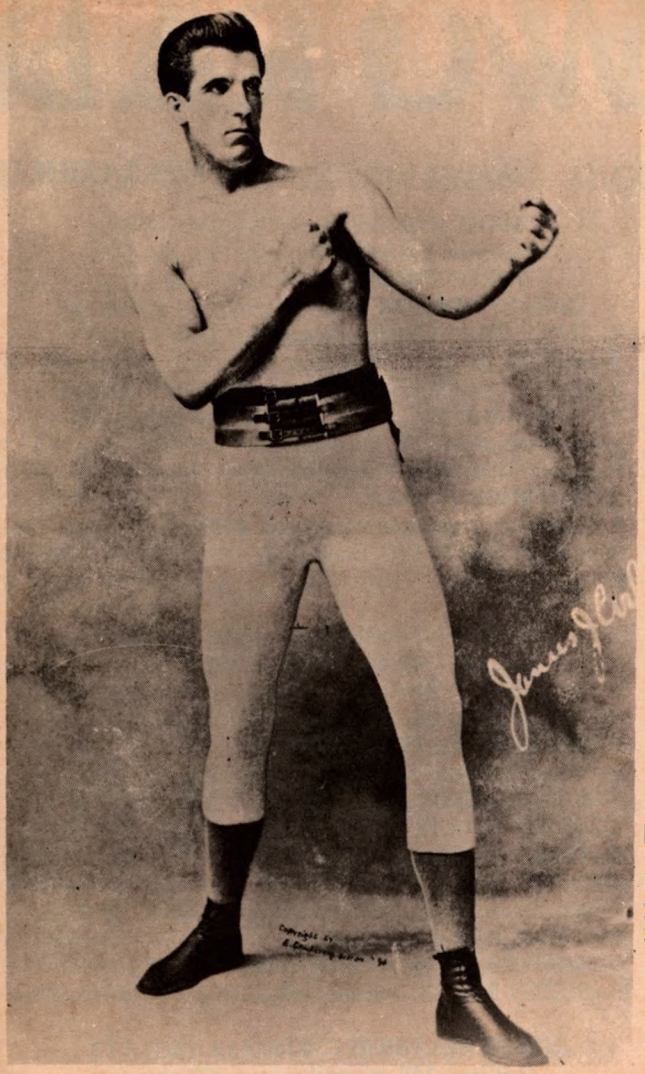
MOST UNORTHODOX

1 – Harry Greb
2 – Fritzie Zivic
3 – Kid McCoy



MOST DURABLE

1 – Joe Grim
2 – George Chuvalo
3 – Jake LaMotta

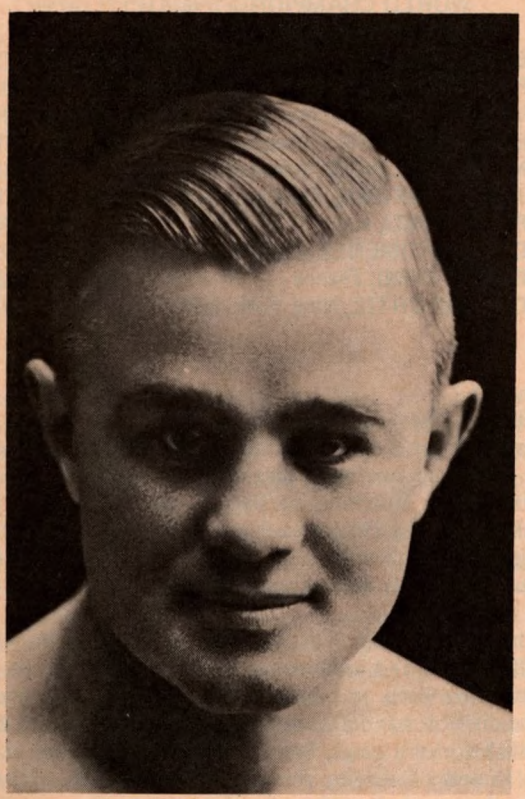


BEST COUNTERPUNCHER

1 – Benny Leonard
2 – Joe Gans
3 – Pete Herman

MOST GENTLEMANLY

1 – Jim Corbett
2 – Dick Tiger
3 – Gene Tunney



BEST UPPERCUT

1 – Billy Papke
2 – Jem Driscoll
3 – Kid Gavilan

BEST INFIGHTER

1 – Jack Dempsey
2 – Sam Langford
3 – George (Elbows) McFadden

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 15, 1972

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
1–**CASSIUS CLAY,** Cherry Hill, N.J.
2–**GEORGE FOREMAN,** Hayward, Calif.
3–**FLOYD PATTERSON,** New Paltz, N.Y.
4–**JOSE LUIS GARCIA,** Venezuela
5–**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6–**JIMMY ELLIS,** Louisville, Ky.
7–**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
8–**JURGEN BLIN,** Germany
9–**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
10–**HENRY CLARK,** San Francisco, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1–**CHRIS FINNEGAN,** England
2–**ANDY KENDALL,** Portland, Ore.
3–**PAT O'CONNOR,** Rochester, Minn.
4–**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa
5–**EDDIE OWENS,** Pittsfield, Mass.
6–**MIKE QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**SAREL AUCAMP,** South Africa
8–**AVENAMAR PERALTA,** Argentina
9–**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
10–**JOHN FRANKHAM,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
2–**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
3–**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER,** France
4–**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
5–**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6–**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
7–**TOM BOGS,** Denmark
8–**NATE COLLINS,** San Francisco, Calif.
9–**BUNNY STERLING,** England
10–**LUIS VINALES,** Puerto Rico

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
2–**ROGER MENETREY,** France
3–**BILLY BACKUS,** Syracuse, N.Y.
4–**ADOLPH PRUITT,** St. Louis, Mo.
5–**ERNIE LOPEZ,** Las Vegas, Nev.
6–**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
7–**JACK TILLMAN,** New Orleans, La.
8–**RYU SORIMACHI,** Japan
9–**ARMANDO MUNIZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10–**BUDDY BOGGS,** Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALFONSO FRAZER, Panama
1–**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
2–**RODOLFO GONZALEZ,** Long Beach, Calif.
3–**VICTOR ORTIZ,** Puerto Rico
4–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
5–**NICOLINO LOCHE,** Argentina
6–**JOAO HENRIQUE,** Brazil
7–**PIERO CERU,** Italy
8–**CARLOS GIMENEZ,** Argentina
9–**ROGER ZAMI,** France
10–**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N.Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1–**MANDO RAMOS,** Long Beach, Calif.
2–**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
3–**CHANGO CARMONA,** Mexico
4–**PEDRO CARRASCO,** Spain
5–**ESTABAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
6–**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
7–**ANTONIO PUDDU,** Italy
8–**RUBEN NAVARRO,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9–**RAUL VENEDRINI,** Argentina
10–**AL FORD,** Canada

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1–**SAMMY GOSS,** Trenton, N.J.
2–**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
3–**JOSE FERNANDEZ,** Dominican Rep.
4–**JOSE LUIS LOPEZ,** Mexico
5–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
6–**TOMMASO GALLI,** Italy
7–**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
8–**FRANKIE OTERO,** Miami, Fla.
9–**FRANKIE CRAWFORD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10–**WILLIAM MARTINEZ,** Nicaragua

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CLEMENTE SANCHEZ Mexico
1–**RICARDO ARREDONDO,** Mexico
2–**ERNESTO MARCEL,** Panama
3–**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
4–**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
5–**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa
6–**ANTONIO GOMEZ** Venezuela
7–**JOSE LEGRA,** Spain
8–**BERT NABALATAN,** Philippines
9–**JESUS ALONSO,** Mexico
10–**BOB ALLOTEY,** Ghana

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ENRIQUE PINDER, Panama
1–**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
2–**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
3–**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
4–**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI,** Thailand
5–**AUGUSTIN SENIN,** Spain
6–**CHUCHO CASTILLO,** Mexico
7–**OCTAVIO GOMEZ,** Mexico
8–**ROMERO ANAYA,** Mexico
9–**JULIO GUERRERO,** Mexico
10–**ROGELIO LARA,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
1–**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
2–**MASAO OHBA,** Japan
3–**VENICH BORKORSOR,** Thailand
4–**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
5–**SERVILLO de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
6–**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
7–**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
8–**HENRY NISSEN,** Australia
9–**RICARDO DELGADO,** Mexico
10–**SOCRATES BATOTO,** Philippines

CHARTCHAI CHIONOI FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

CHARTCHAI Chionoi of Thailand, former holder of the world flyweight title and currently campaigning as a bantamweight, gained honors as Fighter Of The Month by his victory over the WBA flyweight titleholder, Masao Ohba, in an over the weight non-title match.

Among the heavyweight contenders, Jose Luis Garcia, Venezuela, changes places with the losing Jerry Quarry, and now resides in fourth position with Quarry in fifth. Oscar Bonavena, of the Argentine, has dropped from sixth to seventh due to inactivity and Jimmy Ellis, a former number one contender, is on the move with a winning skein, thus moving up to the sixth position.

Gregorio Peralta and Larry Middleton, due to losses, have been dropped from the top ten. Jurgin Blin climbs into the eighth spot. Ninth and tenth positions have two new names in the ratings, Ron Lyle, of Denver, and Henry Clark, of San Francisco.

The light heavyweight class has seen some activity in the lower rungs with Vicente Rondon and Jimmy Dupree losing their holds and two new faces climbing into the ninth and ten locations–Len Hutchins, of Detroit, and Englishman Johnny Frankham. Eddie Owens exchanges places with Mike Quarry, moving into fifth and Sarel Aucamp, South African banger, climbs to seventh with Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, up one rung to eighth.

There has been little activity among the leading middleweights and welterweights this month but the junior welters have been on a binge. Eddie Perkins, long time tartar of the division was defeated by Victor Ortiz of Puerto Rico. In the shakeup of ratings, Perkins drops from second to fourth with Rodolfo Gonzalez shifting into second place and Ortiz makes the long trek up from tenth to third.

Nicolino Loche and Joao Henrique, each dropped a slot to fifth and sixth respectively. Roger Zami slid to ninth and Piero Ceru edged into seventh from his eighth spot. Carlos Giminez, of Argentina, has taken a slide from sixth to eighth. In tenth is Carlos Ortiz, former lightweight champ.

The lightweights have been a busy bunch under the leadership of new champion Roberto Duran. Ken Buchanan, former titlist, now finds himself in the second spot with Mando Ramos taking over the number one slot.

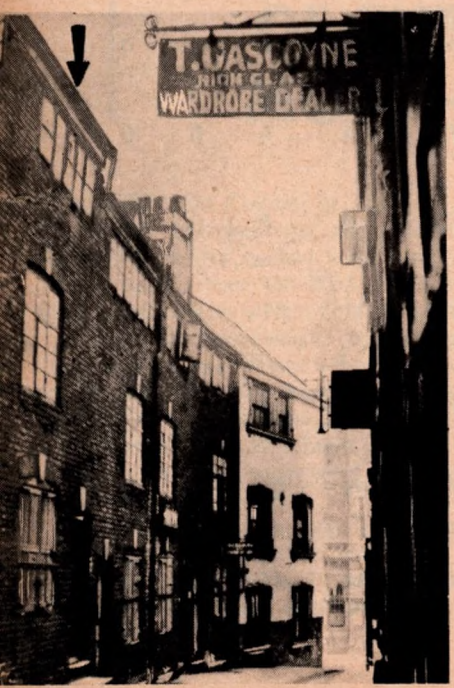
Chango Carmona, Mexican slugger, is up from fifth to third with Pedro Carrasco down to fourth. Moving up one position each to fifth and sixth in the rankings are Puerto Rico's Estaban DeJesus and Ray Lampkin of Portland. An inactive Antonio Puddu, of Italy has gone down from fourth to seventh. The eighth, ninth and tenth positions are now held by Ruben Navarro, Raul Venedrini and Al Ford, respectively.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Tommy Kost Binghamton, N.Y.	10/70	8	8	0	0	6
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Frank Young Beaumont, Texas	3/72	7	7	0	0	7
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ray Villanueva Paterson, N.J.	10/71	4	4	0	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Angel Rodriguez Colombia	2/71	9	8	0	1	6
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Dale Hernandez Omaha, Nebr.	6/70	11	11	0	0	8
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Tyrone Everett Philadelphia, Pa.	9/71	7	7	0	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Eddie Saloma Philippines	7/70	21	21	0	0	15
FLYWEIGHT						
Hak Yung Kim Korea	9/71	16	14	0	2	7

Was Bold Bendigo Dirtiest Fighter Of 'Em All?

(Above) A tribute to Bendigo of photos and trophies. (Below) The place where Bendigo was born—New Yard, Parliament St., Nottingham, England.



By DR. IRWIN ROSS

WILLIAM "Bendigo" Thompson, heavyweight champion of England in the old bare-knuckle days, was one of the dirtiest and most treacherous fighters ever to step into a prize ring. Yet he was so popular that a town, a race horse and a liqueur were named "Bendigo" during his lifetime.

Some boxing historians hold that he never actually earned the title of heavyweight champion. But it can be safely said he was the only temperance lecturer ever to collapse in a drunken stupor while exhorting an audience to forsake whiskey.

Bendigo Thompson was one of triplets born in Nottingham, England, on October 11, 1811. His mother was a coarse and violent woman. However, she apparently was acquainted with the *Book of Daniel,* for she nicknamed her three sons Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. As a child, the last named offspring was corrupted to Bendigo.

He was raised in slum squalor. His mother was the terror of the neighborhood. She cursed like a man and fought like an outraged army. When she lost her temper—a circumstance which occurred two or three times a day—she beat up, impartially, her children, her husband and any indignant neighbor who thrust his head in the door to protest the noise.

But in her own savage way she loved her fighting son and he loved her.

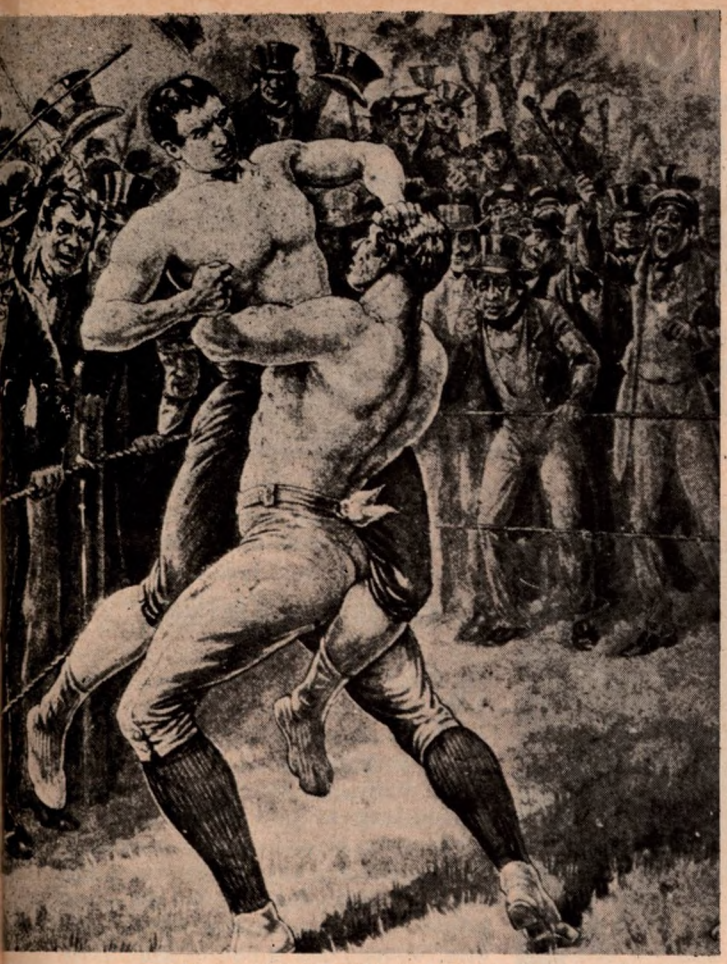
She taught Bendigo never to lead with his right and to fight from a crouch—a boxing style which he pioneered in the ring. By the time he was 14, Bendigo could thrash his mother, which no one else in Nottingham could do.

Never a man to be modest, Bendigo recalled his early athletic prowess in these words: "I was always passionately fond of fishing, of which I was considered a first-rate hand. I have also been noted for cock fighting, badger-baiting, running, somersaulting and stone throwing."

When he was 21 years old he had attained his full height and weight: just over 5′9″ and 164 pounds. (Although no heavyweight by modern standards, in those days they didn't bother about division classifications.)

In October of 1832 he embarked upon his professional career. When he fought one Ned Smith the following March for a purse of $20, he cut Smith to pieces for six rounds, and knocked him out in the seventh. Fight writers described him as quick, agile and muscular, with hitting power.

By the time Bendigo began to make a name for himself, the sport of boxing, once



Ben Caunt picks up Bendigo and slams him to the turf.

In their 1845 bout, Caunt fouls Bendigo, who won in round 93.

the "pride and boast of England," had fallen into disrepute. Brutality had caused an increasing number of deaths among fighters; critics complained that fighters accepted bribes to throw matches. The sport was attracting a large following of hoodlums.

Whenever they could, law enforcement officers broke up fights and sought to outlaw them altogether. As a result, they were held in open country as far away as possible from police.

As might be expected, this was precisely the kind of atmosphere in which Bendigo the slum boy could–and did–thrive. During the next two years, he fought eight opponents without a loss. At every fight then and thereafter, his gang crowded in at ringside, prepared to take on all comers in or out of the ring if the decision should go against their man.

Armed with clubs, chains, whips and crudely made brass knuckles, their methods make those of modern mobsters seem subtle. Other fighters also were accompanied to the ring by their gangs but none were as tough as Bendigo's.

Bold Bendigo's 13th fight took him out of what today would be called the preliminary classification. It was in July of 1835. His opponent was Ben Caunt. They hated each other on sight. Caunt was 22, stood 6′ 2 1/2″. He weighed 210 pounds. Bendigo looked like a pygmy compared with Caunt. As one baffled sports writer wrote, "Bendigo is the favorite at six to four, a state of odds which seems unaccountable when the disparity of size is considered." But the odds proved correct.

Bendigo enraged his bigger opponent by his peculiar bending, weaving and crouching techniques; and the spectators roared disapproval when he "accidentally" slipped or fell (thus ending a round) whenever Caunt was getting the better of him.

Caunt finally lost his head, rushed across the ring and punched Bendigo while he was seated in his corner between rounds. This foul cost Caunt the fight.

Bendigo continued his unbeaten career, whipping much bigger men, through skill and skulduggery and the intimidating presence of his gang who managed, one way or another, to make the referees see things their way.

In April of 1838 he was rematched with Caunt for stakes considered enormous–$300 for each man. Caunt proved clumsy, Bendigo tricky. In the 13th round, Caunt tried to strangle Bendigo by squeezing him breathless against the ropes.

Spectators cried "Foul" and Bendigo's gang quickly cut the ropes to release their idol. In the 75th round, Bendigo resorted to his usual tactics of tripping over an unseen obstacle and falling to end the round.

This time, the fans created such a row that the referee, in spite of Bendigo's gang, had to award the match to Caunt on a foul. But the winner narrowly escaped a lynching at the hands of the gang, who twice dragged him from his carriage to continue the fight. He finally managed to escape on horseback.

The next year, champion Deaf Burke chose Bold Bendigo over Caunt for a title match. Burke, a heavy drinker, refused to train for the match and Bendigo easily outfought him, although one writer said he was "full of unsportsmanlike trickery."

Burke didn't seem to be loaded with ethics, either. In the 10th round, knowing he had lost, he drove Bendigo to the ropes and deliberately butted him. When Bendigo came to, he was awarded Burke's belt and declared the new heavyweight champion on a foul.

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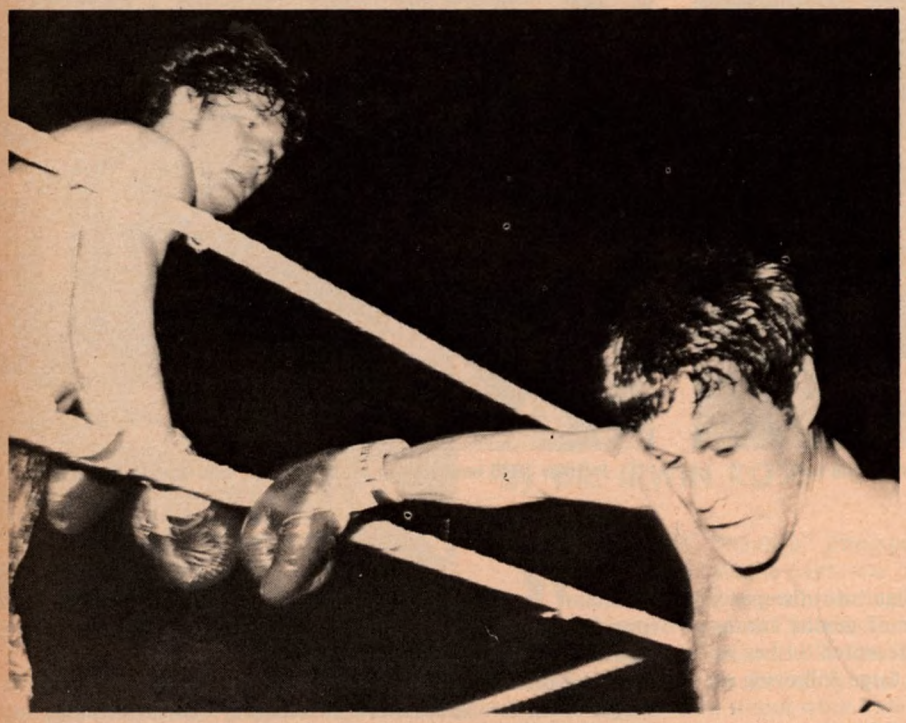
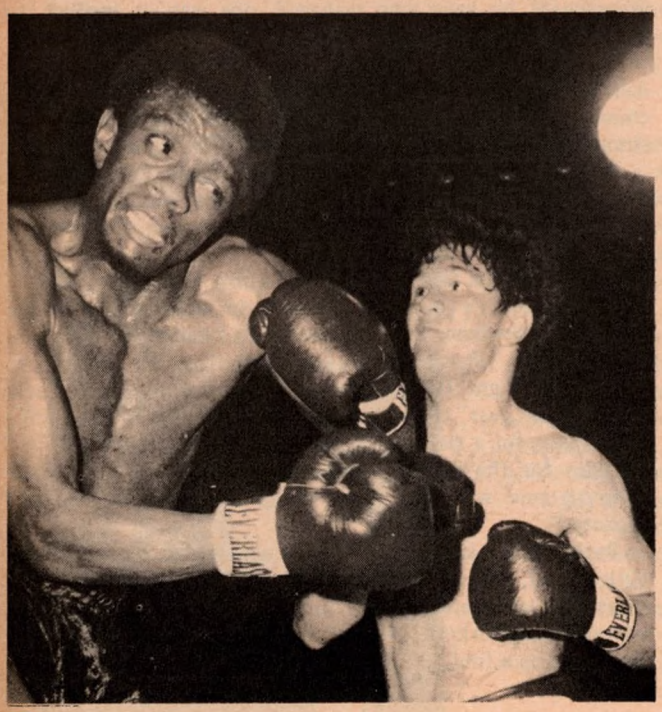
New Orleans Is Ga-Ga Over 20-Year-Old Licata

Young middleweight sensation Tony Licata climbs through ropes for a gym workout.





(Above) Licata sends Dennis Riggs flying out of the ring and into the press row during the third round of their contest. Riggs went out of the ring twice more in the round and was on the floor at the bell. The one-sided match was finally halted in the fourth, being awarded to Licata via the TKO route. (Left) Determination is written on Licata's face as he unleashes a flurry of punches to the head of Dave Adkins, whom Tony defeated in a 10-rounder.

By GEORGE GURTNER

NEW ORLEANS, La. – By any estimation, middleweight Tony Licata wasn't living up to New Orleans tradition.

He didn't cut his fighting teeth by busting heads in the French Quarter. He didn't battle his way up from a crushing environment the way Joe Brown, Ralph Dupas or Willie Pastrano had done and getting a priest's blessing before each bout would make a lot of old timers flinch.

But, anyway you add him up, the 20-year-old Licata is raising a lot of eyebrows with his fighting on the New Orleans-Tampa circuit.

He has whisked to a 26-0-1 record, including 11 kayos. But, for all his success, Licata remains a mystery.

Lou Viscusi, who managed champs like Brown, Willie Pep and current light heavy king Bob Foster, thinks Licata is coming along much too quickly.

Viscusi has been Licata's No. 1 advisor and is a sure bet to form a managerial triumverate which will include Lloyd Laine (Licata's present manager), Phillip Licata (Tony's father) and himself.

"The next few months will determine how Tony's future will go." Viscusi says. "As for right now, though, I just don't think he's got any business being in the top 10 in anybody's ratings.

"He just doesn't belong up there at this time. It just isn't fair to him. One week he's way down the line, ranked 50th or somewhere near there and the next week he's up into somebody's top 10.

"What in the world happened to all those other guys in between? Not that he hasn't got the ability, but he's still young. He's got a lot to learn. In his last fight (A TKO win over Jose Chirino) Tony looked like a little boy out there fighting a grown man. There are certain moves he just

(Left) Licata, in dark trunks, and Jose Chirino swap lefts in their recent contest at New Orleans' Municipal Auditorium. Licata scored a ninth-round TKO. (Below) Licata watches a trio of New Orleans women preparing the mixin's for a "Fiesta Italiana". From left are Mrs. Grace Palermo, Mrs. Germaine Licato and Mrs. Jose Mustacchia, chairlady of the event.

doesn't make yet. Of course he came through all right, but that's not the point. The kid needs more fights. Now I'm the first to realize that there's a real scarcity of middleweight talent around today and it's darn near impossible to get a kid like Tony the fights he should have. But, that doesn't erase the fact that he needs the work."

Laine, a soft spoken little man who rarely takes his eyes off Licata feels that his boy has been properly paced.

"We're just not going to fight anybody lower than us in the rankings." He says, "Tony's up there because he deserves to be up there. We've never turned down a bout and if you look at some of the guys we've beaten, it's not too hard to figure out why he's ranked so high. We've beaten guys like Pusateri (Mike), O'Brien ('Irish Bobby') and now Chirino. I just couldn't ask any more of Tony. He's given 100 percent every time he's gone out."

For Licata, his career has been anything but stormy. It has followed a path as methodical and uninterrupted as his lightning fists.

Unlike Brown, Dupas or Pastrano, who battled on the docks and garbage strewn back alleys near the French Market vegetable stalls, Licata has lived a life of relative ease and stability in a comfortable home in the French Quarter.

When Tony was 13, Papa Licata turned him over to the late Ernest "Whitev" Esneault who was regarded as the dean of amateur boxing in New Orleans.

For three years Licata packed them in at St. Mary's gym as the featured performer. He chalked up 40 wins in 46 amateur outings with three of his losses coming in national AAU competition. Tony turned pro at 17 and was quickly dubbed "Teenage Tony, the boy wonder" by local sportswriters. Licata's victories became so predictable that the biggest problem the scribes had was coming up with another monicker once the kid turned 20.

In fact, the victories became so predictable, Emile Bruneau, chairman of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission and former president of the WBA, sent a letter out to Laine and New Orleans promoter Heard Ragas urging them to be a little more selective in picking opponents for Licata.

From the letter came Chirino. It no doubt was a step up in class for Licata. Chirino slammed the kid around in the early rounds until Tony began pecking away at an old cut on the Argentinian's substantial beak.

"Chirino was every bit as tough as they said he'd be," Licata says looking back at the bout. "But, I think I proved myself. I got over that hump and now I've got to look ahead. I'd like a shot at Emile Griffith next.

"But of course that's up to the promoters. But if I get it and win it probably would put me in line for a shot at Carlos Monzon and the title. I've kinda set a goal for myself. I'd like to get a chance to fight for the title within another year. That way if I'd lose I'd still be young enough to give it another shot. I really believe a bout with Monzon would end up with me as the new champ. I think I could easily outbox him. He's very strong, but I've got little doubt that I could outbox him. But, I guess I can forget about him for a little while anyway and think about other things. . .like my upcoming marriage. . .That's been taking up a lot of my time you know."

Tony Licata turned away and began to hit the speed bag. His mind wandered from marriage, to ratings to Emile Griffith and beyond. But his reflexes and rapid fire hands seemed effortless and proof that Tony Licata had arrived.

With former No. 1 welterweight contender Percy Pugh trailing off into oblivion, Licata has become the darling of New Orleans fans.

It's been a long time since the Crescent City could lay claim to a champ. Pugh offered the only flicker of hope in the last 10 years. Now, Tony Licata was fanning the flames again.

BIGGER OHBA EYES BANTAM LAURELS

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

(Above) Masao Ohba is in virtual ecstacy after stopping Berkrerk Chartvanchai in the 13th round of their Tokyo contest in 1970. (Left) Ohba drops Thai champion Sakdinoi to the canvas before going on to a 10-round victory.

TOKYO, Japan – Japan is sorry that The Ring does not recognize Masao Ohba as the true world champion of the flyweights. He is the No. 1 boxer of Japan and is growing in skills and popularity.

Japan is sorry Ohba lacks Ring's backing but it is not critical of Ring's support of Erbito Salvarria, of the Philippines, who also is a great fighter.

Ohba would be glad to fight it out with Salvarria. But that isn't all. Ohba wants the bantam championship of the world and is urged on by lady promoter Haru Nagano. Ohba is eager to fight Rafael Herrera, of Mexico, for the bantam title.

Japan points out that it already has held the bantam title. Fighting Harada got it when he outpointed Eder Jofre in 15 rounds on May 17, 1965 in Tokyo.

On February 26, 1968, Harada lost the championship to Australia's Lionel Rose in 15 rounds here.

Ohba recently retained his WBA version of the 112-pound championship, as he demolished Panama's Orlando Amores, in the fifth round before 10,000 spectators.

The partisan crowd was aghest when Ohba went down from his rival's swinging left hook in the opening session. Amores was a game bomber, 3/4 of a pound lighter than Ohba's 112.

The import went after a quick stoppage, swinging with both hands from all angles. But Masao, taller and cooler, got back strong on his feet and counterpunched Amores. In the second round Ohba took the initiative with fine combinations. A sharp one-two dropped Amores for the compulsory eight.

The 22-year-old Ohba made the best use of his superior reach and mobility from the third. The Japanese was in command, taking the third and fourth rounds with a clear cut margin. Amores, 24, hitherto 28-1-0 (19 KOs), absorbed much punishment from his rival's well-timed punches, though regarded as the most dangerous opposition Masao had ever met.

In the fifth and fatal round Ohba nailed the Panamanian against the ropes for about a minute, connecting with a barrage. Down Amores went. He was flat on the canvas. He managed to regain the feet, when ref Yusaku Yoshida finished tolling the count.

The impressive kayo means Ohba's 33rd win and 14th KO, against two defeats and one draw, and the fourth defense of the WBA version.

The Ring has not supported Masao as the flyweight titlist, for Erbito Salvarria is the official champion after his controversial defense against Betulio Gonzales in Venezuela last year.

Gonzales was defeated by Masao in May last, in Tokyo, in 15 rounds.

Ohba has a weight problem to make the 112 pound limit. But it is not the

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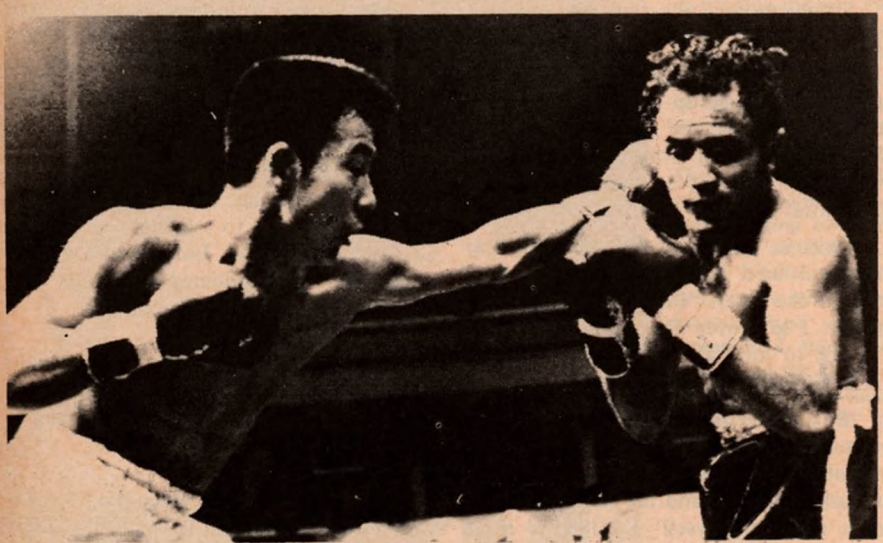


Ohba (left) connects with a straight left to the side of Betulio Gonzalez' head during their April, 1971, meeting, won by Ohba.

BOXING'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL PUNCHES

By DAN DANIEL

"Controversy is the life blood of boxing." Pierce Egan, of London, wrote that more than 150 years ago, and it is even truer today.

Controversy is so potent an element in the ring because there are so many factors which could give it power and strong relationship, and offers so many avenues for unceasing debate.

In no other professional sport does controversy live on and on, so heatedly, never ending, never offering a solution.

One of the most strongly disputed points in fistic controversy concerns itself with the disputed punch.

This phase of debate stems from,

1: Foul or no foul.

2: From why and how did it happen?

3: From the degree of skill of the referee, or the judges, or all three.

4: From the spectators' point of vision.

5: From the deadly item of suspicion.

You would feel confident that the referee, right there in the ring with the two fighters, would have the choicest point of vantage from which to view every punch, every advantage or disadvantage registered in the match.

And yet, as was proved in New York's Madison Square Garden not so long ago, on June 26, 1972, when Roberto Duran, of Panama, took the world lightweight championship away from Ken Buchanan in 13 rounds, it is possible for the third man to miss a major development of a fight, a culminating punch of so vital a competition.

The referee, appointed by the New York State Boxing Commission, was Johnny Lobianco, a man with a fine record for judgment, skill, probity, and determination for the good and welfare of boxing.

After the bell had sounded for the close of the 13th round, Buchanan and Duran ignored it and kept right on fighting. In this melee, Duran struck Ken a low blow.

After the bell ending the 13th round of their lightweight title bout, Roberto Duran allegedly hit defending titleholder Ken Buchanan (on ropes) a low blow. Referee Johnny LoBianco said he didn't see it, then awarded the bout and the championship to Duran when the Scotsman was unable to continue. It's the latest in boxing's long history of controversy and controversial punches.

The blow to the groin was indicated, in ringside photographs, as most likely coming from the Panamanian's knee.

Buchanan hit the deck in apparent pain. Reporters saw the incident. But the one man who was supposed to be in the best position to spot it, Lobianco, said that he had not seen the misadventure.

The fact is that when the controversial happening occurred, Duran already had given the Scot a sound thrashing.

Buchanan, who had been accepted in New York as one of the most beautiful boxers since Jem Driscoll and Abe Attell, had struck a low point in his career, and Duran had proved himself a forceful demonstrator of the killer instinct, one of the most vehement seen in New York in the lightweight class in some years.

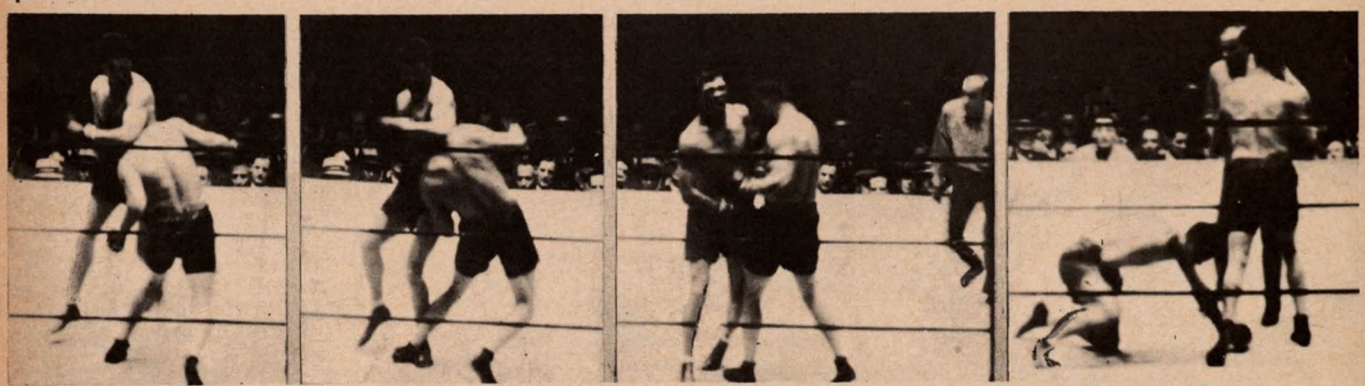
This Panamanian was a jungle throwback. Not even Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast, and reaching into a heavier class, Stan Ketchel, the Michigan Assassin, matched Roberto in snarling contention.

Roberto Duran is the true world lightweight champion. The incident is closed. But it has left behind it a rich contribution to the stream of controversy.

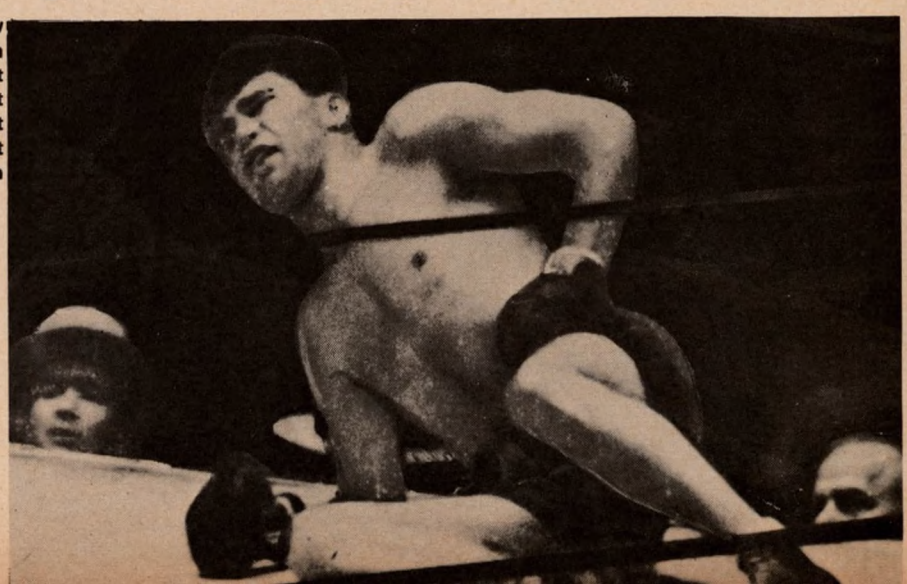
How many other incidents in fistic history are strident in the annals of the ring?

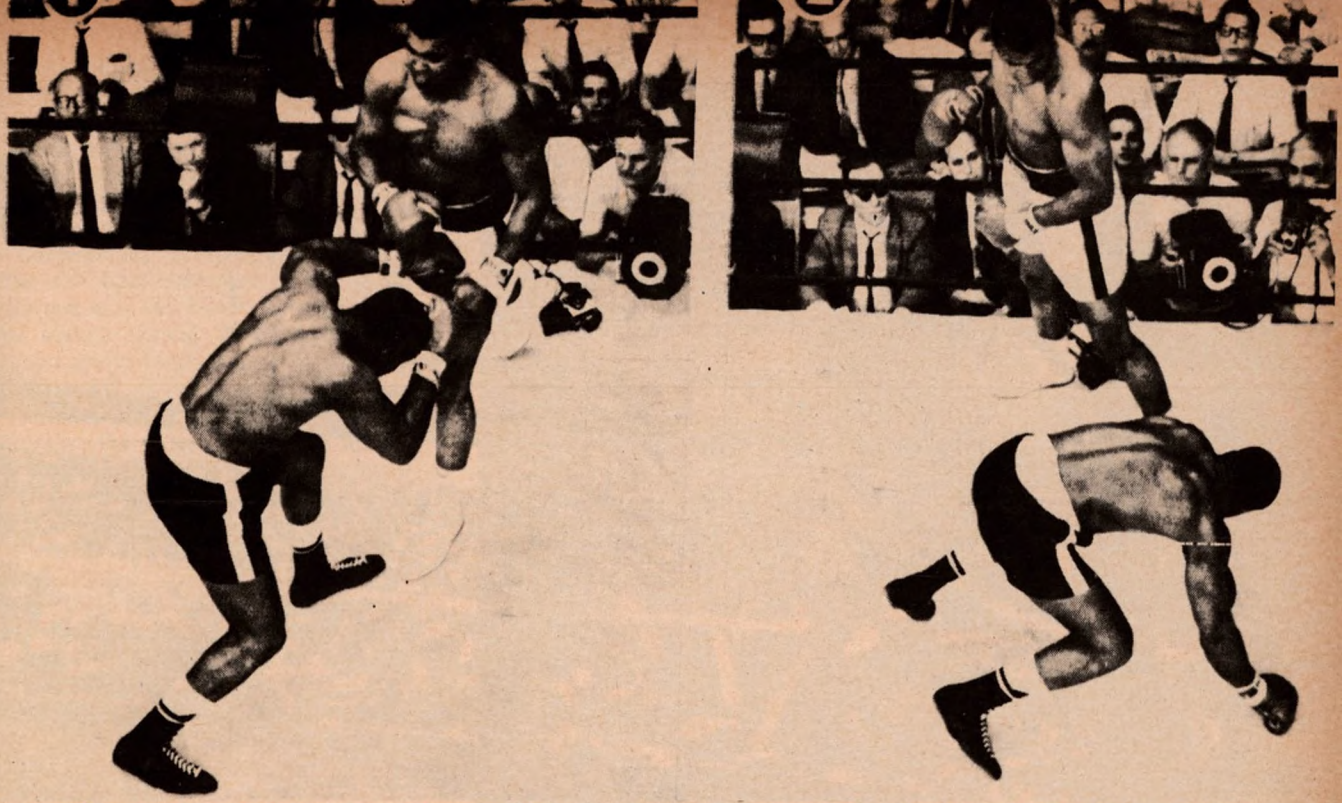
To list just a part would take far more space than is here available.

However, let us roll back the curtain of Time and examine as many of the



Above, we see the sequence of the foul blow landed by Jack Sharkey on Max Schmeling in the fourth round of their contest for the vacant heavyweight championship of the world at Yankee Stadium, N.Y. on June 12, 1930. At right, Schmeling writhes on canvas. The bout and title were awarded to the Black Uhlan because of the low punch.





There are still many who maintain that Cassius Clay never hit Sonny Liston at all, or at any rate, not hard enough to knock him out in their second meeting, at Lewiston, Me. in 1965. Nevertheless, Clay is recorded as having stopped Liston in one round.

major points of controversy as are most persistent in continuing in the public memory and, in some cases, most insistent in claiming the attention of The Ring Detective.

Let us look into the only case of a foul settling the ownership of the heavyweight championship of the world.

It happened on June 12, 1930, in Yankee Stadium, and it sent the title over to Germany in possession of Max Schmeling.

The loser, on a foul, was Jack Sharkey and the point of controversy came in the fourth round.

Jimmy Crowley was the referee, and Harold Barnes and Charley Mathison were the judges.

Crowley's response to the foul was not instantaneous. Barnes saw it as it happened. Mathison's vision perhaps already had become impaired.

In any event, Crowley called the foul, and a foul it was.

Sharkey hollered most vehemently. But it availed him not and he went home to lick his wounds and make a firm resolve to get that title away from the Uhlan or suffer grievously in the effort.

It was a left to the body that went astray. There were 79,222 paying guests in the Stadium – the take was $749,935 – a very good public response for those days. How many saw the foul? How many who saw it still believe it was a low punch? As the Spaniard says, "Quien sabe?"

Schmeling had only one chance to defend his title and he used it to whip Young Stribling in 15 rounds in Cleveland.

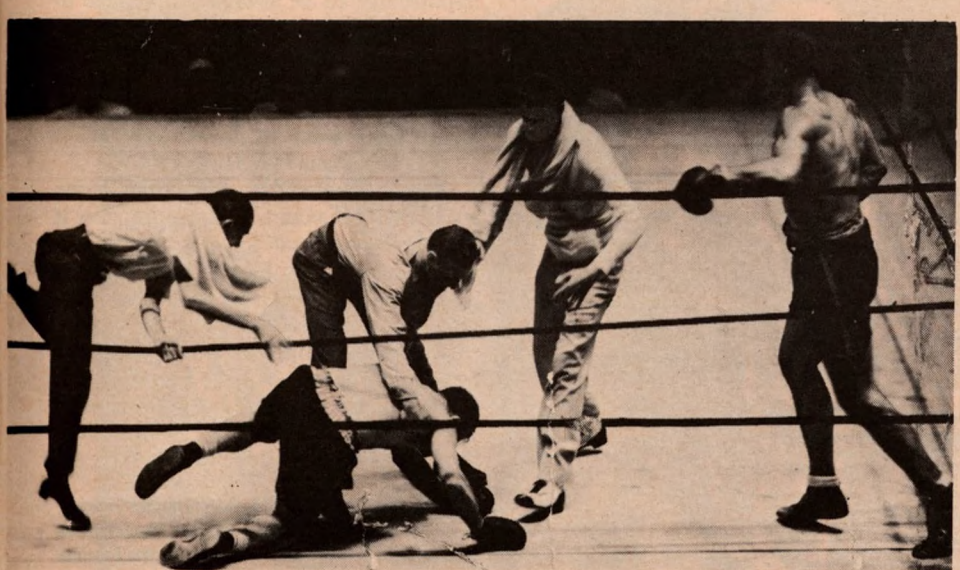
Then came the inevitable rematch with Sharkey, on June 21, 1932, in the Long Island City Bowl. Jack beat Max on points in 15 rounds and then a lot of fans began to wonder if Sharkey actually had fouled the Teuton in 1930.

On June 29, 1933, Jack Sharkey, defending the title against the Italian Behemoth Primo Carnera, was knocked out in six rounds in the luckless Long Island City Bowl. Arthur Donovan was the referee.

Primo had an advantage of 59 pounds in the weights. The American was the favorite in the betting, 5 to 4. On the basis of superior boxing skill, the odds should have been more pronounced.

Anyway, Carnera won the title. The book says so.

I saw the fight, but, oddly enough, it left a very dim impression on me. I was amazed at the Italian's success, and not surprised when Max Baer, scoring 11 knockdowns in 11 rounds, trounced Da



One of the most famous "Phantom Punches" occurred in the sixth round of the title battle between Jack Sharkey (on the floor) and Primo Carnera on June 29, 1933. Carnera captured the crown on what was supposedly a right to the jaw.

Dempsey knocks big Jess Willard into the ropes during the first round of their historic battle at Toledo, O. on July 4, 1919. Due to a mixup in the timing, Dempsey thought he had scored a one-round kayo, but was forced to return to action and stop Willard after three sessions.

Preem and left him far less inviting to the leeches who had been grabbing his earnings without pity or compunction.

Jack Dempsey was constantly in controversies, from the day he belted the world title out of ill-trained and soundly-thrashed Jess Willard in Toledo, on July 4, 1919, until his second fight with Gene Tunney and its Long Count.

The famous Long Count happened in the seventh round of a ten with Tunney, who had taken the championship from Jack the previous year at Philadelphia.

The faded Dempsey might have reclaimed the title from the Marine if he had not been stubborn to the point of stupidity. Jack admits his startling lack of acumen in the big arena in Chicago.

Dempsey again was being outpointed in the seventh when Tunney hit the deck, apparently out. The Mauler landed a terrific left hook and then stood right near recumbent Gene, while referee Dave Barry pointed to a neutral corner and kept urging Dempsey to hasten there.

Tunney lay there while Barry, defied by Dempsey, refused to start the count.

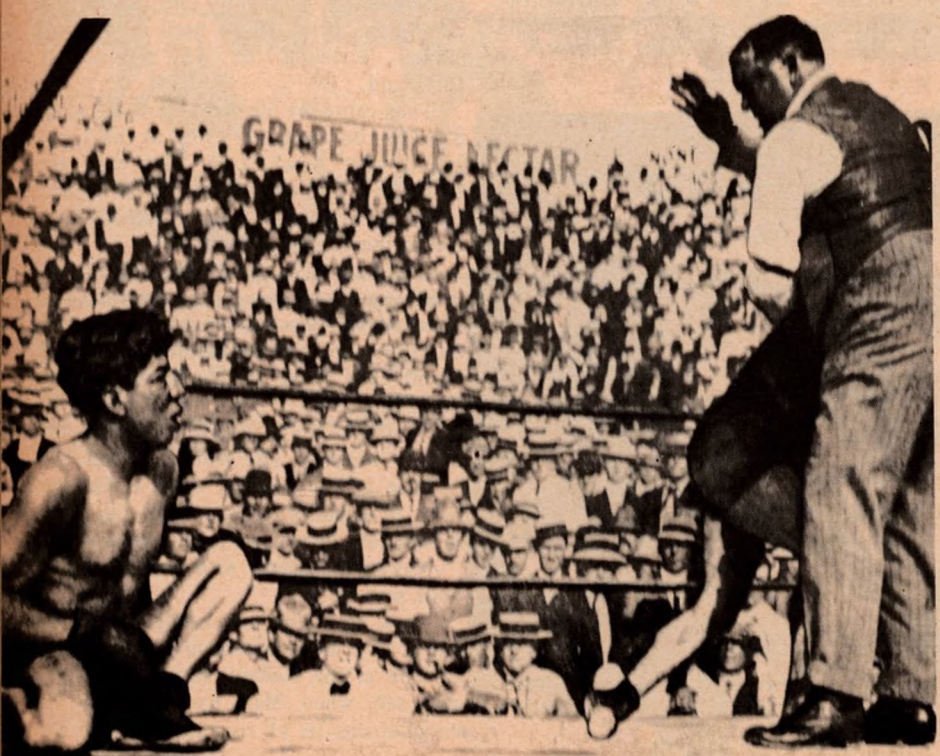
On the eve of the fight there had been a conference in which it was stipulated, beyond all question, that if one of the contestants hit the canvas the other was to retire to a neutral corner while the count was being tolled by Barry.

But the killer instinct took hold of Jack, beyond all reason. All he thought about at the moment was the chance to hear the fatal ten beat Gene, or the opportunity to be as close as possible to the fallen fighter in the event he was able to beat the count, and was vulnerable for another trip to the deck.

How long was Tunney down for that Long Count? Some of the experts made it 12 seconds. Some said 14.

Tunney himself refuses to support the guess that he would have been a loser if he had been down for ten seconds. He insists, to this day, that he was conscious – at least after he had been down for only four seconds.

Dempsey, who still was the most popular fighter in the world, was supported by thousands of disputants in the false contention that he had been bilked out of the title by Barry. Dave did



Referee Jack Welsh is seen assisting Ad Wolgast to his feet while still counting over Mexican Joe Rivers, who is claiming a foul after the famous Double Knockout at Vernon, Calif. on July 4, 1912. Wolgast was declared the winner in the 13th round.

a fine job and was within his rights and the rules when he insisted that Dempsey go to a neutral spot.

How long was Dempsey actually standing over Gene? How many seconds did Tunney spend on the floor of the Chicago ring?

Controversy, controversy! The day after the fight Dempsey admitted his error and said "All I knew at the moment was that I wanted to maul that guy beyond recognition."

A couple of months later, Tunney proposed a third meeting with Dempsey, promising the Manassa Mauler a million dollars. But Dempsey refused. He knew his limits. He knew that he had lost his last big chance and that the like would not return. His pride was bigger than the million offered.

In the Willard fight at Toledo, Dempsey ran from the ring after the first round. He thought the fight was over, and so did Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager. Kearns figured he had won a $100,000 bet, at odds of 10 to 1 on a first round KO.

But the fight wasn't over. It had become a bedlam and was to go two more cruel rounds before Willard threw in a towel and Jack became the world champion.

After the Long Count, the 104,000 paying guests and the numerous reporters, said, "Well, we saw something never seen before and not likely to happen again."

Joe Louis goes down and out in the 12th round of his first meeting with Max Schmeling on June 19, 1936. There were a couple of controversies concerning blows struck after the bell during the contest.

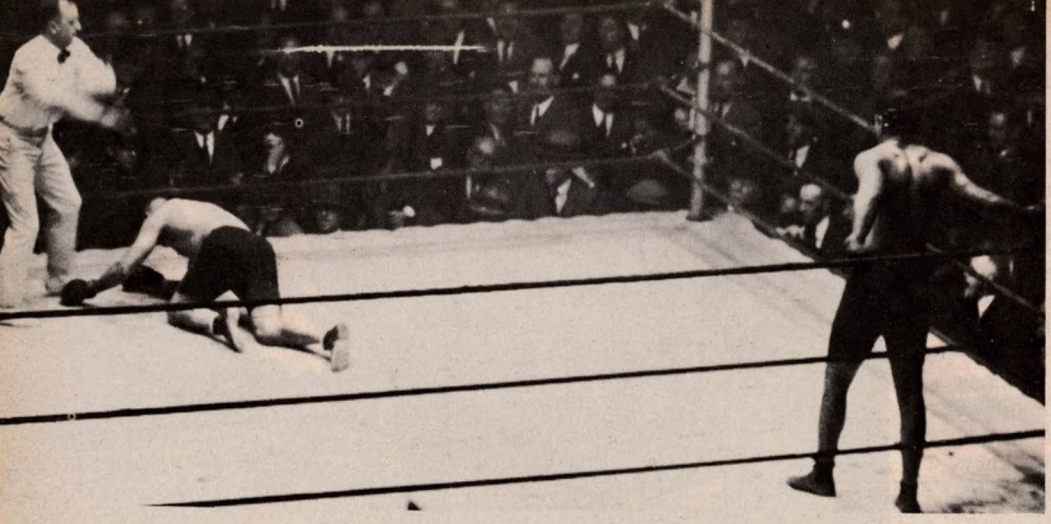
But boxing history has an odd way of repeating itself. The Long Count emerged from the shadowy annals of the game not so long ago, in Dublin, Ireland, when Cassius Clay stopped Al Blue Lewis in 11 rounds.

In the fifth, Lewis hit the deck. Referee Lew Eskin gave the Detroiter a respite lasting no fewer than 22 seconds, according to Chris Dundee.

First reports had Eskin guilty of a feeling of compassion. But later interviews with the referee had him saying that he had given Lewis the long count because Clay had imitated Dempsey and failed to go to a neutral corner after belting his opponent to the deck.

In Chicago, the world title was at stake. At Dublin, there was no vital issue to be settled. Lewis already was on his way out. It was a mismatch, of financial agony for the promoters, who lost $100,000, and Christmas for Cassius, who collected $200,000.

Louis batters Schmeling into the ropes in the first and only round of their return on June 22, 1938. After the one-round kayo he absorbed, Max claimed he was done in by an illegal kidney blow.



Luis Angel Firpo knocks out Bill Brennan in the 12th round of their bout on March 12, 1923 after a barrage of blows, the coup de grace being what was described as a rabbit punch.

Eskin, a comparatively inexperienced referee, got himself a lot of worldwide publicity, nobody was hurt, and Dublin had had its big fight and its big night, with a bigger fight northward.

Re Dempsey's two-round KO of Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, at the now gone Polo Grounds in New York on September 14, 1923, the question is: Was Jack, knocked out of the ring into Jack Lawrence's typewriter in the first round, absent from the roped square long enough to forfeit the world championship?

It is conceivable that if thrifty Firpo had had a more knowledgeable manager, he would have demanded the title, and referee Johnny Gallagher would have found himself in one of the most difficult positions yet forced on a third man in heavyweight history.

Suppose Jack Kearns had been in Firpo's corner? Suppose Al Weill had been the Bull's representative? Suppose Cus D'Amato had been in charge of the Argentinian's affairs?

There is no question that Dempsey was out of the ring for more than ten seconds.

He had been struck on the side of the head with a righthander.

He had no recollection of the blow. He did not remember any of the details

Benny Leonard (left) and Jack Britton fought for the welterweight title in 1922, and, shocking as it may seem, Britton was declared the victor when Leonard fouled him by hitting Britton while the latter was on the canvas after being floored by Benny. That took place in the 13th round of their contest on June 26, 1922.

On November 15, 1940, Fritzie Zivic was awarded the bout against Al (Bunny) Davis when the latter was disqualified in the second round because of repeated and flagrent fouling. Here is one of the foul blows.

Pancho Villa stopped Jimmy Wilde in the seventh round of their bout on June 18, 1923, to capture the flyweight title. At the end of round two, however, Villa floored Jimmy with a tremendous right after the bell and the game little Welshman wasn't the same after that.

Herman Plaacke was the first victim of Kid McCoy's trick of saying to an opponent, "Your shoelace is untied." Bingo, the lights then went out for Herr Plaacke.

involved in his trip to the press rows or later developments.

It is a question if Jack remembered how he demolished the South American in the second round.

Firpo had begged Tex Rickard to give him another year's experience before tackling Dempsey. But Tex wanted to strike while the iron was hot, and Luis reaped the whirlwind.

On July 2, 1921, Dempsey met Georges Carpentier in the alleged Battle of the Century at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City.

Carpentier was too light for Jack, the Frenchman's true weight being around 165 pounds. He was knocked out in the fourth round, with a devastating right over the heart.

However, even that fight developed controversy. It was alleged that in the first round Jack had struck a terrific blow under the belt.

This punch, said the French Connection, had had a vital effect on the rest of the encounter.

Your correspondent was at the ringside. He saw no foul punch. He did see Carp hurt badly in every round, and he spotted only one dangerous blow by the Orchid Man, a vicious uppercut which appeared to lift Jack off the floor.

Referee Johnny Ertle protested that he had seen no foul blow and added that Carp and his corner had entered no protest after the first round.

Here is Joe Louis being knocked out of the ring by Buddy Baer in their first meeting in 1941. Louis won by disqualification in the seventh round when Baer refused to come out, claiming that Louis fouled him by hitting him after the sixth round had ended.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Corbett clinch in the seventh round of their 1897 meeting at Carson City, Nevada. Fitz stopped Gentleman Jim in the 14th round with what has become famed as the "Solar Plexus Punch." That blow and its effects have been discussed thoroughly for years.

The fact remains that Carpentier was absolutely no match for Dempsey in perhaps the greatest product of ballyhoo in ring annals.

One of the most controversial fights in boxing history saw Jess Willard take the heavyweight title from Jack Johnson in Havana on April 5, 1915. Johnson hit the deck in the 26th round and stayed down long enough to make certain his defeat in an upset of upsets.

This match took palce 57 years ago, but we are still wondering what actually happened.

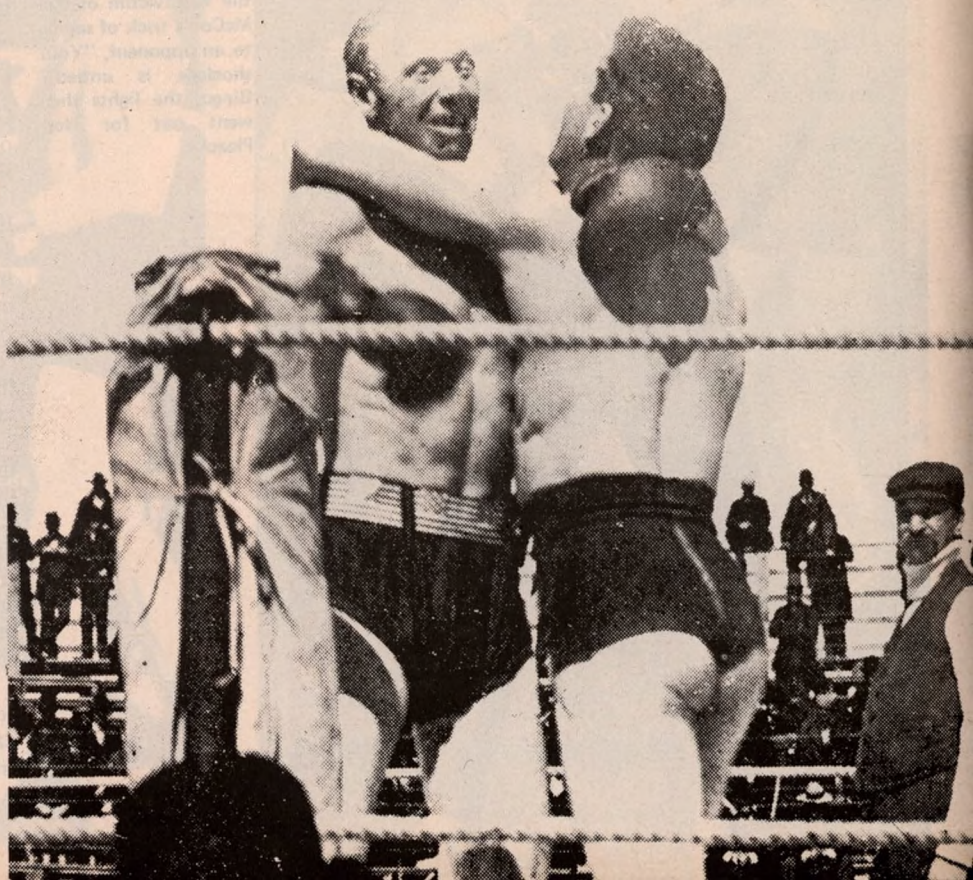
Did Johnson throw the fight? The report in Cuba insisted that he had faked it.

Did Johnson, minus sufficient training, actually get knocked out?

Did Willard, hitherto regarded as a fighter of no startling talents, rise to the occasion and actually trounce one of the greatest heavyweights of all time?

In the Ring office there is a document signed by Johnson in which he says he threw the fight.

The late Nat Fleischer, who paid Johnson $250 for the "confession", always insisted that the "confession" was a fake. Johnson told him he "confessed" only for the money.



(Above) Jorge Fernandez collapses in pain after catching a low blow thrown by then welterweight king Emile Griffith in the ninth round of their 15-rounder in 1962. Because he was ahead on points at the time, Griffith was awarded the contest on a TKO. (Below) James A. Farley was Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission when a stiff rule came into effect banning deliberate fouls.

Nobody knows, nobody will find out. Johnson, who crashed to his death in an automobile smashup, took the secret of Havana to his grave with him.

The controversy continues. The precise truth never will be revealed.

Leaving heavyweights and their controversies, for the nonce, let us wander back to June 26, 1922, and the New York fight between Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, and Jack Britton, king of the welters.

In the 13th round, with Britton down on one knee after having been hit with a left in the stomach, Benny shot a left to Jack's face.

The astonished Patsy Haley, referee, had no option. He had to disqualify Leonard for a blatant foul, an action which was without rhyme or reason, or apparent cause.

It had been a good, clean fight. Britton and Leonard were of the good, clean type and if, in the entire history of the lightweights Leonard had his peer, it was just one man, Joe Gans. Why did Leonard do it?

The trouble with that fight was that it was uncalled for. Britton could not win the lightweight championship and Leonard had absolutely no use for the welter title. Had he violated an agreement?

When he saw Britton's championship threatening to come his way, Benny suffered the one and only smirch on his record.

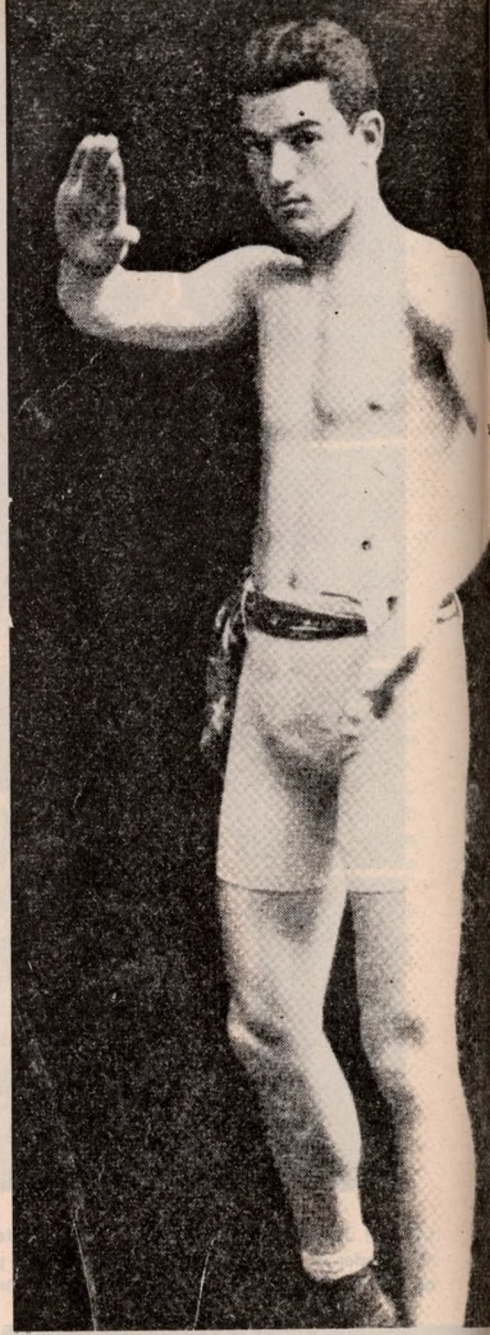
Why did he foul Britton, palpably? Controversy continues to this day.

Why, out of a blue sky, did Benny foul a man like Britton after a fight in which neither boxer had had a nasty word with the other?

Adding to the heat of the controversy was the unexplained fact that there was no investigation by the Boxing Commis-

Leach Cross was the man the fans loved to hate. He engaged in many controversial bouts.

Kid McCoy, perhaps the trickiest fighter that ever entered the squared circle. He was ever looking for the edge over an opponent, by hook or by crook.



sion. Leonard suffered no penalty for the foul.

Quite a few theories were advanced, but not one of them was logical.

It was an unforgiveable act because there was a lot of money wagered on that fight, and Benny's defeat cost his followers a lot of cash.

The controversy had some angles similar to the ones advanced after Joe Gans had been knocked out – allegedly – by Terry McGovern in the second round in Chicago on December 13, 1900.

It appeared to be an out and out fake. Why did they do it? Why did the greatest lightweight up to his time throw a fight? Was it sore need of money? Was it ill health? What was it?

Nobody knew at the time, nobody knows now. Terry was good. But not that good. Boxing in Chicago collapsed after that hoax and many a year passed before the game was able to raise itself out of the ruck and the muck into which it had been cast by McGovern and Gans.

Reaching into the more modern annals of boxing and the inexplicable details of unsolved mystery, we come to Cassius Clay's first round KO of Sonny Liston at Lewiston, Me., on May 24, 1965.

Before the smallest crowd in modern heavyweight title history, in a small ice rink, there were only 2,434 in the arena, Cassius and Sonny engaged in the wildest round you will find in the long history of the unlimited weight title.

Some reporters called the blow which apparently was the official stopper, the Phantom Punch.

Some experts insisted that they had not seen it. Some described it as a freak blow which caught Liston on the side of his head.

In the light of revelations about Liston following his death in December, 1970, at Las Vegas, the mystery about that mess in Maine is deeper.

Liston's demise was followed by reports that he had become an addict.

In that wild round Liston hit the deck. There was a complete failure in communication between referee Jersey Joe Walcott and timer Francis McDonough.

McDonough said he had counted to 22. Walcott said he had had no indication from McDonough that Sonny had been knocked out.

The late Nat Fleischer, of The Ring, alerted both McDonough and Walcott to the situation.

Liston picked himself up, there was a brief exchange of extra curricular blows and then Jersey Joe announced the end of the fight – if fight it could be called.

The controversial finish reminded fight followers of the unsatisfactory manner in which Liston had lost his title to Clay at Miami Beach on February 25, 1964.

Liston, who had done little outside of the fifth round, was sitting in his corner, refusing to answer the call for Round No. 7 and so the title passed to Clay.

Liston offered unsatisfactory explanations which alleged his having suffered crippling injury of an elbow.

What happened that night to the fighter who twice had knocked out Floyd

Patterson in the first round?

This story about fistic controversy could go on and on, to fill a book.

There was controversy galore in 1889 when George LaBlanche stopped Nonpareil Jack Dempsey in 32 rounds, but was refused Nonpareil's middleweight title.

Boxing authorities had barred LaBlanche's famous pivot blow. When he used this punch to stop Dempsey, the experts said "No go."

Old fashioned followers of boxing could see nothing wrong with LaBlanche's victory and the way he had achieved it. LaBlanche hollered very loud. But Dempsey was a big favorite in the sports pages, and George never got the title. Nobody is around to press the fight for him.

Want some more? How about the lightweight fight between Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers on July 4, 1912, at Vernon, Cal.? It ended in 13 rounds, with both men apparently knocked out. The referee gave it to Wolgast.

In conclusion, let us take a look at a happening which brought on a lot of laughter but no controversy on April 5, 1904, at Philadelphia.

Kid McCoy, the wily, the crafty, met gigantic Herman Plaacke, who weighed

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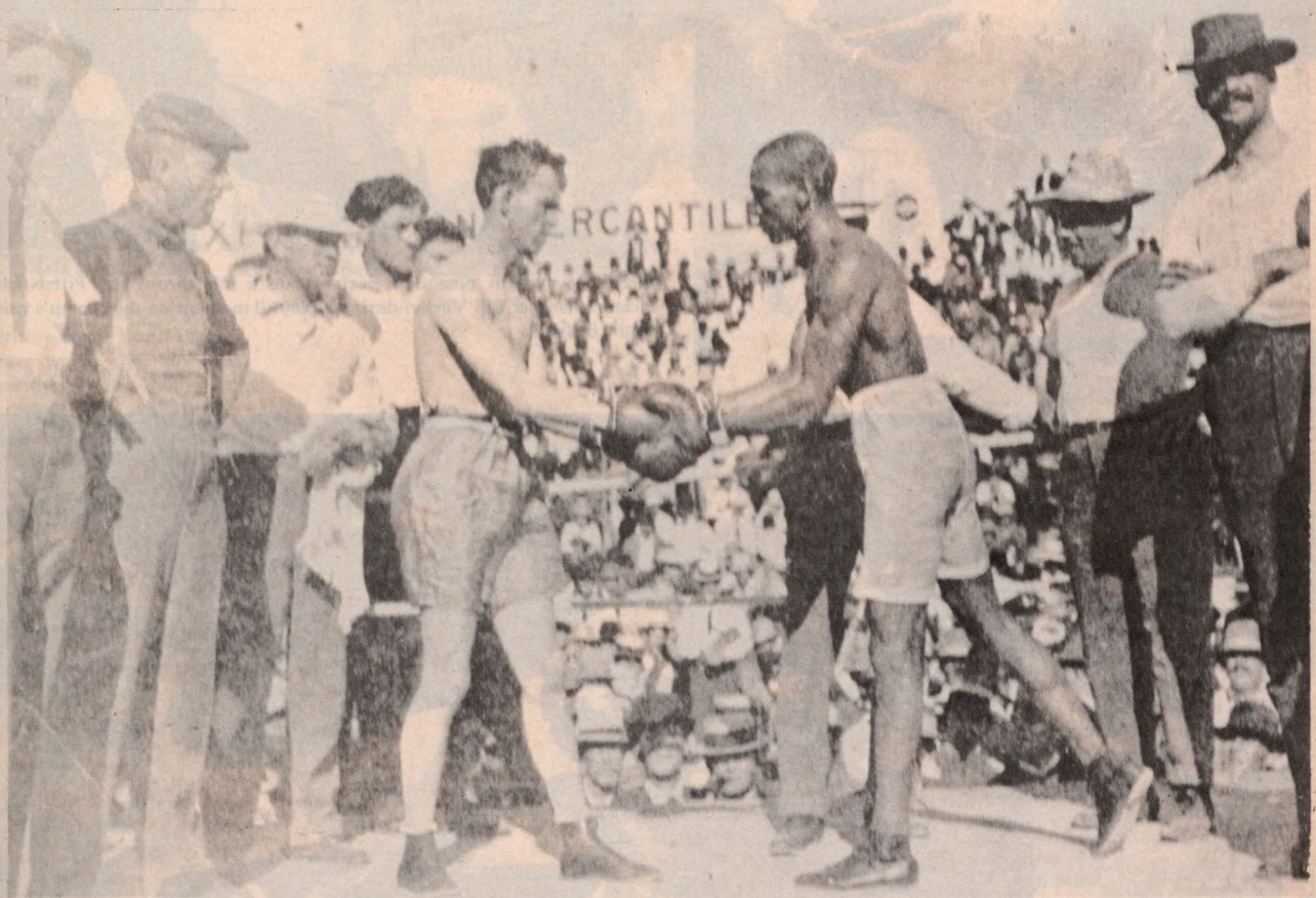
George Dixon whipped Dave (Kid) Sullivan in 1898 to rewin his featherweight diadem when Sullivan was disqualified in the 10th due to a low blow. It made headlines at the time.



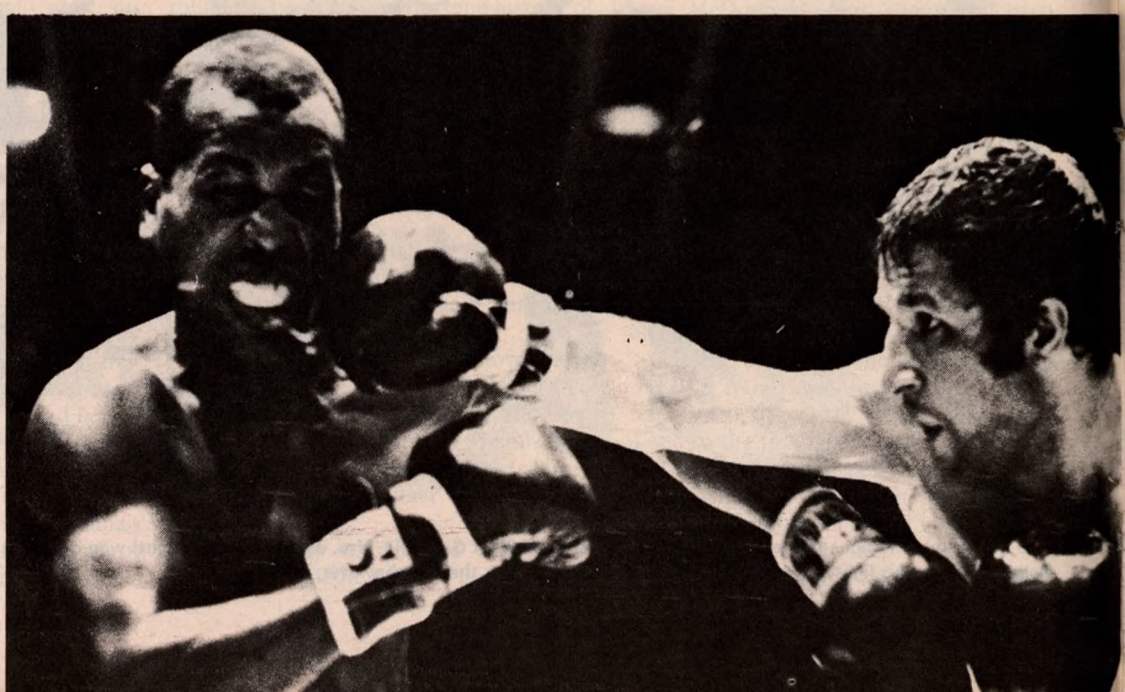
One of the most famous bouts of all-time took place in 1906 at Goldfield, Nev. when Joe Gans (right) won on a foul in the 42nd round over Battling Nelson to retain his lightweight crown. Nelson stopped Gans for the title, however, in 1908.

Welcoming Inglewood Forum promoter George Parnassus (second from right) on his return from a vacation in Mexico are (l. to r.) boxing managers Ralph Gambina, Freddie Dugan, Suey Welch, Jerry McCauley and Mel Epstein. (Photo by Abe Hochheiser)

Ring Camera Clicks

Light heavyweight boss Bob Foster takes a left thrown by Pittsburgh Pirates' manager Bill Virdon during a playful moment on the champ's visit to the ballpark.

(Above) This is the battered face of Walter Seeley, who is receiving a left to the chin from Azael Curet during their contest at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum in New York. Nevertheless, Seeley, who was floored in the opening round, was awarded a 10-round decision. (Right) Cemal (Turk) Kamaci lands a right to the head of Angel Robinson Garcia during their 10-rounder at the Felt Forum. Kamaci was the victor in 10 rounds.



(Left) Middleweight king Carlos Monzon hands an ice cream cone to Swedish actress Ewa Aulin when the Argentine boxer met the actress on the set of "Rosina Goes To The Country," which was shot on the outskirts of Rome. At left is American actor Hiran Keller who co-stars in the film. (Below) An unidentified fan steps into the ring as referee Arthur Mercante (left) restrains Jose Gonzalez while Bobby Cassidy yells at Jose after Gonzales was awarded a TKO in the eighth round of their New York contest.

British boxer Kevin Finnegan works on an oil painting in his home in London as his wife, Maralyn and 2-year-old daughter, Lisa, keep him company. Finnegan, a contender for the British middleweight crown, hangs his work in the gym where he trains.

Humberto Trottman of Panama lands a right to the jaw of referee Sammy Luftspring during the sixth round of Trottman's bout with Clyde Gray in Toronto in January, 1970. Luftspring retaliated with a couple of blows of his own before disqualifying Trottman.

YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF DAFFY HAPPENINGS IN RING

By EDDIE COOL

NO boxing center has a monopoly on weird decisions. American ring officials can be just as biased, myopic and inefficient as their counterparts elsewhere. Pedro Carrasco, who was awarded a disqualification win over Mando Ramos, who floored him four times and otherwise drubbed him in Madrid, could rightfully claim that he was flagrantly dealt with in their Los Angeles return. Even the closest friends of the California glamor boy said there was no way he won that second fight even though he received the verdict. Ramos also won their third meeting, held in Spain.

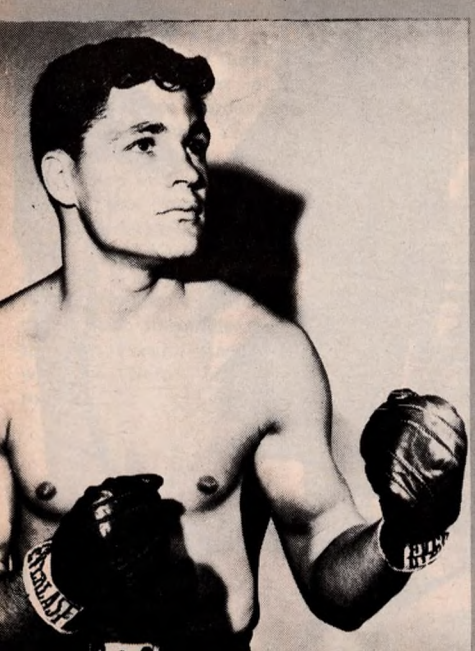
If Mexico is responsible for some outlandish verdicts, Philadelphia bears indictment for no less. Rafael Gutierrez decked Bennie Briscoe twice and had him all but knocked out in the opening round of their Arena fight. But he was hit by an alleged low blow after the bell ending the round. The damage done with that one shot paved the way for a second round knockout by the Philadelphian.

In Luna Park or Palazzo dello Sport, Bennie would have been disqualified.

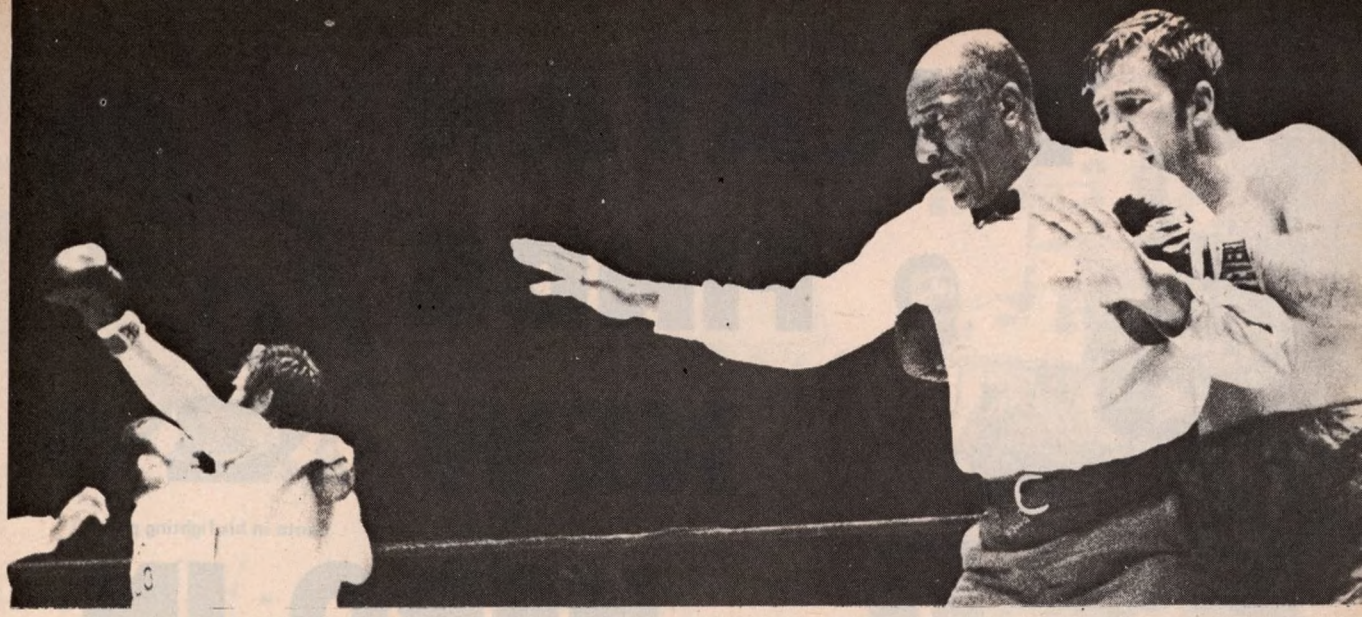
There is the matter of fighters leaving the ring involuntarily before their fights are finished. One need not go back to Dempsey-Firpo to come up with a startling example.

Denny Moyer and Eugene (Cyclone) Hart went flying through the ropes in the sixth round of their exciting scrap in the Philly Spectrum. Moyer climbed back into the ring from the press table with a twisted ankle, while Hart hit the ringside concrete floor with his head and suffered a concussion. The verdict was a medical type no decision.

In a more recent fight, Chuck Wepner regained his heavyweight New Jersey state heavyweight title from Randy Neumann in a 12-round brawl at the



(Left) Denny Moyer, who went flying through the ropes along with his opponent, Sugar Hart, in a contest at the Philadelphia Spectrum. The bout was declared a medical no decision after both were found to be injured. (Right) Mando Ramos and Pedro Carrasco after their Los Angeles meeting won by Ramos, who has beaten the Spaniard in two of their three meetings, each having a rather controversial ending.



George Chuvalo is gleeful after halting Jerry Quarry at Madison Square Garden in the seventh round of their December, 1969, meeting. But Quarry is vehemently protesting the ten-count to referee Zach Clayton.

Jersey City Armory. Both fighters added a fillip of excitement in the sixth round when they disappeared from the squared circle against their own wishes. They did it the hard way.

Locked in a wrestling hold, Neumann bent the taller Wepner over the top rope. They did a complete somersault and landed into the laps of Jersey Journal writers Cas Rakowski and Kevin Downes. Chuck, who fought Sonny Liston in the last fight held at the Armory, regained the ring from the press table, while Randy, who also tumbled to the ringside floor, had to take a long cut.

The archives of the new Madison Square Garden already carry accounts of crazy capers. There was the celebrated Case Of The Confused Count by Jerry Quarry after George Chuvalo decked him with a looping left hook in the seventh round.

The chunky Canadian had bled profusely from the right eye and it was swollen shut. He was trailing in the official scoring, and the referee was reportedly ready to stop the bout when the haymaker landed with full force in round seven.

Quarry went sprawling backwards before he hit the floor. He hopped up at the count of three, then, rather strangely, plopped down on one knee as if to take advantage of a nine count. He stayed that way until the fatal ten was tolled. He insisted afterwards that he watched the clock and didn't hear the final count.

Future chroniclers will surely resurrect the "double knockout" battle between ex-light heavyweight champ Jose Torres and Charlie "Devil" Green.

Torres was supposed to fight Jimmy Ralston of Buffalo, who pulled out at the last minute with a mysterious elbow ailment. Green was drafted as a substitute.

At about 2:59 of the first round, Green stretched Torres with a tremendous right-hander. The referee started a count. When the bell rang and the red ring lights flashed, pandemonium broke loose. Nobody could now be sure of what really happened after that.

According to the rules, the referee should have kept counting after the bell. But for some inexplicable reason he stopped at three. At the same time, cornermen Joey Fariello and Johnny Manzanet rushed out and dragged the former champ back to the corner and plopped him on the stool. He was hurt, not knowing where he was.

The consensus of opinion that night was that Torres had been out of commission for over ten seconds, and El Diablo was inadvertently deprived of a knockout win.

The Devil dumped Torres again in the second, and even took a few wicked swipes at him while he was still down.

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Referee Pete Tomasco raises Bennie Briscoe's arm in token of victory after he knocked out Rafael Gutierrez in the second round in Philly in November, 1971. Briscoe looked almost done in the opening round, then seemingly landed an alleged low blow after the bell which Gutierrez' adherents say paved the way for Briscoe's triumph.

YUCATAN FINDS NEW HERO IN CANTO

Canto in his fighting pose.

By EDUARDO AMER G.

(PHOTOS BY LUIS MENDOZA AVILA)

Mexican flyweight king Miguel Canto poses on the stairway of the pyramid of the Magician's Castle in the Maya city of Uxmal, Yucatan.

MERIDA, YUCATAN – The Yucatan Peninsula, in the Southeastern part of the Republic of Mexico, has always had a justified reputation as one of the most beautiful and renowned archeological zones of the world. The tourist trade focuses its attention in this ancient land and visitors come from all parts of the world to admire the architectural beauty of Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Kabah, Dzibichaltun and other marvelous ruins left by the old Mayan civilization.

But, aside from its archaeological attraction, Yucatan once had prestige and fame as one of the principal producers of great boxing figures in Mexico. From those enchanting lands known as the Mayab, for its legend and witchcraft, the world received boxers Hernan Palomo, "Yucatan Kid"; Julio Cesar Jimenez, Raul Solis, Victor Manuel Quijano and Beto Carvajal.

Suddenly, this part of the Mexican Republic stopped its production of human belic material and, logically, boxing in Yucatan did not have any more representatives in international circles. The boxing mine, which seemed everlasting, disappeared at the same time that it set a crisis whose principal causes were the missing figures and the demolition of the old "Circo Teatro Yucateco" (the main arena) that was the scene of the heroics and great bouts of the past.

Now things have changed. With the force and energy of a missile, a young man has come forth and emerged from the unknown. A year ago nobody had heard of him but everything points like he will be the heir of the old Yucatean glories. His name is Miguel Canto, who, with only 26 fights, has become the sensation of the peninsula and a new hope in Mexico for the conquest of another world championship.

With the surge of this new boy, boxing has become popular again and has aroused the people in Merida, capital of the old Mayan empire. Local fans happily chant these days the doings of all the new boxing figures.

Miguel Angel Canto Solis, which is the complete name of this new fighter, is a quiet, educated and easy-going fellow born in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, on January 30, 1949. He is married and has two sons, a one-year-old and another of very recent birth. One has just to talk to Miguel to identify him as an intelligent person. From his past, full of misfortunes and hopes, he told us this story:

"Ever since I was very small, I dreamed of becoming a famous fighter someday. One day I wore boxing gloves to practice with a group of friends who lived a block away from our house. From that day I became aware of the great gift that I had, using my fists, everything came easy to me. Some time later, the same friends urged me to register in an amateur tournament. But soon I had to quit due to my father's illness and death and the economy of my home. This was also the reason to become a professional boxer, so that I could pull my family out of poverty.

"In order to obtain my degree as a private accountant I had to alternate my jobs with my studies. During the day I carried soda pop boxes, polished shoes and other odd jobs. At sundown when I was very tired, I went to night school. I became used to working hard, and today aside from boxing I work in a mill that manufactured hemp."

Later, while he was covering his fists to begin his daily practice session in the ring, he made this confession: "Without

Still visiting the Maya city of Uxmal, Miguel stands in front of the House of the Nuns.

the valuable help of a competent manager, Jesus "Cholain" Rivero, I would never have gotten this far. . ."

"Senor Rivero," Canto adds "has taught me new techniques and helped me correct old defects. For me, he has been an extraordinary and irreplaceable master. . ."

Manager Rivero came in to give us his points of view:

"Our work has been hard and tedious. Miguel and I have spent many hours perfecting his style to reach the point where he stands now. In the gym we have tried many systems and corrected many mistakes. At home we have studied films of great bouts from the past and developed our new plans.

"Some experts say that my boy does not have power but he has knocked down men like Rocky Garcia, a fellow with a reputation of having a strong jaw, and Armando Villa, who retired from boxing after being stopped by Canto and some others. . ."

"Do you admire a particular boxer?" we asked the Yucatan fighter.

"My idol is Willie Pep. I have seen some movies of his fights and I have to say that Willie seems to me like the best of all time and all divisions. He was a genius in the ring. I don't believe that anybody, yesterday or today, can compare to him in class, finesse and knowhow. . ."

"Which of your fights was the best?"

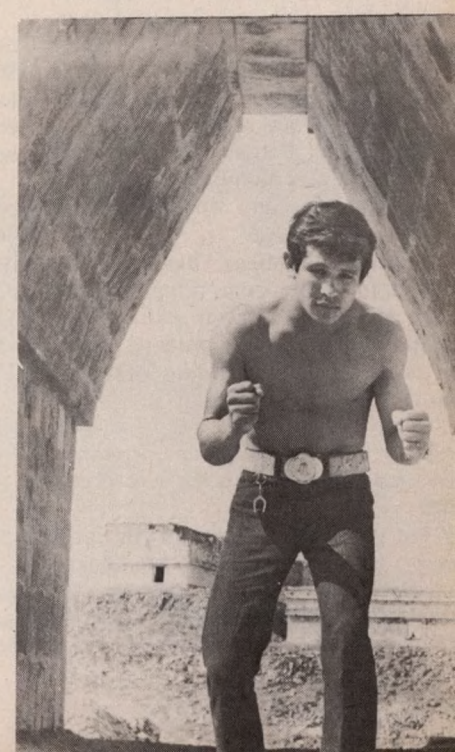
"The ones I won over Roberto Alvarez, "Constenito" Morales, Carlos Urrunaga and Rocky Garcia. Especially the last one, because it was the one in which I won the Mexican flyweight championship. I would like to thank Ring Magazine, which was the first to include me among top ten flyweights in the world."

With his clean living, Canto is regarded by everyone as a model of all sportsmen and athletes. He doesn't drink, doesn't smoke and does not stay up at night. "By 9 o'clock, I am asleep. It doesn't matter if I am in bed or in a movie, with friends or at a party. Sometimes this makes me sorry, but I can't help it. I think that I could go to sleep standing up," he remarks with a big smile.

Miguel Canto's reign does not seem easy. Seeking his title are many good fighters like Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, Ricardo Delgado, Tarciso Gomez and Alberto "Costenito" Morales, all of whom dream of taking the throne from the Yucatan idol of academic and lightning combinations. Since the days of Efren "Alacran" Torres, Mexico hasn't had so many and as good boxers in the 112-pound division. With his presence, Miguel Canto has given new life to the class.

We said goodbye to the good-looking Mexican champion and his maanger, but while we walked out of the gym, installed in a Hacienda belonging to the latter, we could not help but analyze the lift given to Yucatan boxing by this little hero of the ring who has fought so many other battles against life and has won them all.

(Above) Canto assumes his ring stance in the Palace of the Governor at the Maya city of Uxmal, one of the most beautiful archeological zones in the world. (Below) Miguel moves back to the House of the Nuns, with the Palace of the Governor in the background.



Tony Morodi staggers against ropes after sustaining cut over left eye in ninth round of non-title bout with Pat Hlabangane in 1971. Morodi failed to come out for 10th, so fight was awarded to Hlabangane on TKO.

NEVER CAN TWAIN MEET

By RONALD SCOTT

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa – Ask any South African fan when the golden days of South African non-white boxing occurred, and he will say "The early Fifties."

That was when an Indian promoter in Durban, Benny Singh, was conducting a one-man publicity campaign for non-white boxing and sending black fighters overseas to pit their abilities against foreign opponents.

Jake Tuli, "Jolting Joe" Maseko and the "Baby Batter" were among the South African blacks who had British fight fans whooping.

But in the same breath as the veteran follower of the game will cite the 1950s, he is likely to add: "The scene today is gloomy. Non-white boxing is in the doldrums."

Too few boxers with overseas outlets, too few promoters with initiative, make up a not too cheerful situation.

The glorious days of the Fifties are still vivid for Dougie Miller, a white boxing promoter in Johannesburg who was at one time the number one contender for the Empire middleweight title and who campaigned in England during the period when Tuli, Maseko and the "Baby Batter" were fighting there.

"The people of Manchester," says Miller, "still maintain that the most glittering fight between small men they have ever seen was the non-title contest between Jake Tuli and Robert Cohen. Tuli was then Empire flyweight champion, Cohen was the world bantamweight champ, and Tuli gave Cohen the fight of his life before he was beaten on points.

"The 'Baby Batter' was also very popular as an all-action fighter who never stopped punching and won more fights than he lost in Britain."

According to Miller, Benny Singh's decision to retire from promoting and devote himself to a career as a writer in England was one of the primary reasons for the decline of non-white boxing in South Africa.

"There has never been another promoter with the energy and organizing drive that Singh gave to the sport," said Miller.

"But you must consider that the black boxers who are available to today's promoters are not in quite the same class as the battlers of the Fifties."

Out of the few hundred black professionals currently in action, a mere handful are on a par with the best in other countries.

Only two of the boxers holding non-white titles, Tony "Blue Jaguar" Morodi and Enoch "Schoolboy" Nhlapo, have established reputations widespread enough to ensure they will always find opponents overseas.

Most of the black promoters cannot offer foreign boxers a decent purse because admission prices to non-white fights are so low. Whereas white fans fork out as much as $13 for ringside seats, spectators in the black townships pay only about $3. Another thing, there is no TV in South Africa, none whatsoever.

Black promoters, furthermore, are not allowed to accept any financial backing from whites, officially at any rate, for the

Enoch Nhlape (right) and Mackeed Mofokeng mix it up in contest which saw Nhlapo take South African non-white welter crown.

country's apartheid laws forbid any form of participation by whites.

European promoter Abe Hack was prosecuted by the South African Boxing Board of Control two years ago for allegedly promoting non-white fights.

Hack was acquitted on the grounds that he was acting not as a promoter but an agent making use of contacts in the United States to obtain American opponents for blacks in the Republic.

Since that case, Hack and others have been reluctant to involve themselves in any way in the non-white game. Dougie Miller, however, believes that several black promoters are still backed by white entrepreneurs in spite of the regulations.

Because promoters are essential to the growth of boxing as a public spectacle, it follows that the non-white sport is most advanced in those areas where promoters have ventured forth—in Soweto and other townships on the Witwatersrand.

"About three-fifths of all the country's non-white boxers are to be found in this region," says Theo Mthembu, a black sportswriter who manages Tony Morodi.

The most active divisions are the middle, welter and lightweight, while the heavyweight remains, in the words of Larry Mcunu, who writes up the fight game for the non-white newspaper The World, a "dead division".

"Mind you, the same applies to the white heavyweight division—surprisingly few fighters. Why this should be so is a million dollar question," says Mcunu.

With the majority of non-white boxers deprived of opportunities overseas, the sport has to feed off its own roots. And, in the townships at least, it thrives.

Larry Mcunu rates boxing as being on a par with soccer when it comes to spectator appeal. "Crowds of 15,000 are a regular thing at important bouts. There are always a large number of white fans, even though they have to apply for permits before they can enter the townships."

"The atmosphere at a Soweto boxing match," says Dougie Miller, "is more exhilirating than anywhere else in the world. I should know, because I've watched tournaments all over the globe."

It is the fans who give the fighters their nicknames, as in the case of "Schoolboy" Nhlapo and "Blue Jaguar" Morodi. One current champion has been dubbed "Flashing Tiger" and another is known as "Burning Spears".

Dave Levin, a European promoter in Johannesburg who often watches non-white bouts, says that what always strikes him is the number of women fans and the pitch of their enthusiasm.

"The women go, not because their husbands drag them along, but because they want to see their heroes," says Dave.

"The black spectators are generally better behaved than the whites, but this may be due to the fact that there are often as many as 100 policemen at a single show.

The two most enduring idols of the township fans, and of other boxers as well, are Nhlapo and Morodi.

Nhlapo, tall, gangling fellow, started out as a featherweight in the 1950s. He clinched the lightweight title in 1958 and held on to it for more than a decade before he was licked by Morodi.

He promptly switched to the welter division and took the title from his arch rival, Mackeed Mofokeng, in May this year.

Tony Morodi has been a highly successful overseas campaigner. During a recent six-month tour of Australia, Mexico and the US, he chalked up four wins and three defeats.

Morodi, a superstitious man, did not take easily to fighting foreign opponents. When he first arrived in England, he refused to meet white boxers in the belief that the spirits would hound him if he did.

Since he overcame the jitters, he has developed into a formidable stylist.

Theo Mthembu refers to him as "a mover, a clever boxer who relies more on skill than strength. He has realized the value of boxing rather than fighting, making openings instead of forcing them."

Heroes aside, most of the observers of non-white boxing, and the boxers themselves, agree that conditions could be better.

"Too many of the boys," says Mthembu, "don't have enough scope to develop. A lot of them lose interest. Once a fighter reaches the top of his division, there's nowhere left for him to go."

Enoch Nhlapo claims that most of the promoters are interested only in handling top-line boxers. "Hardly any of them are willing to take promising beginners in hand and nurture their talents."

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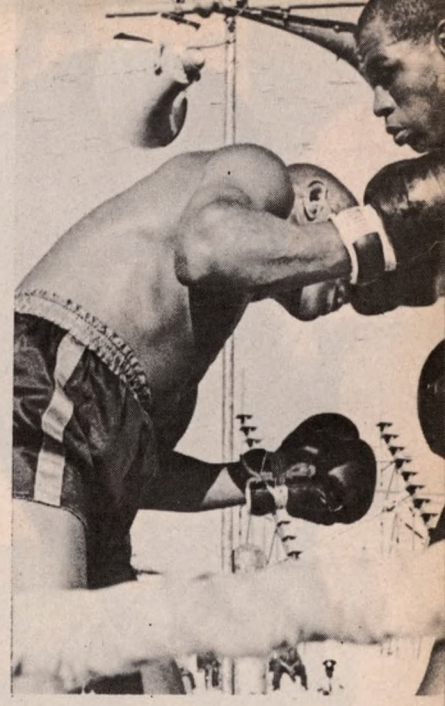
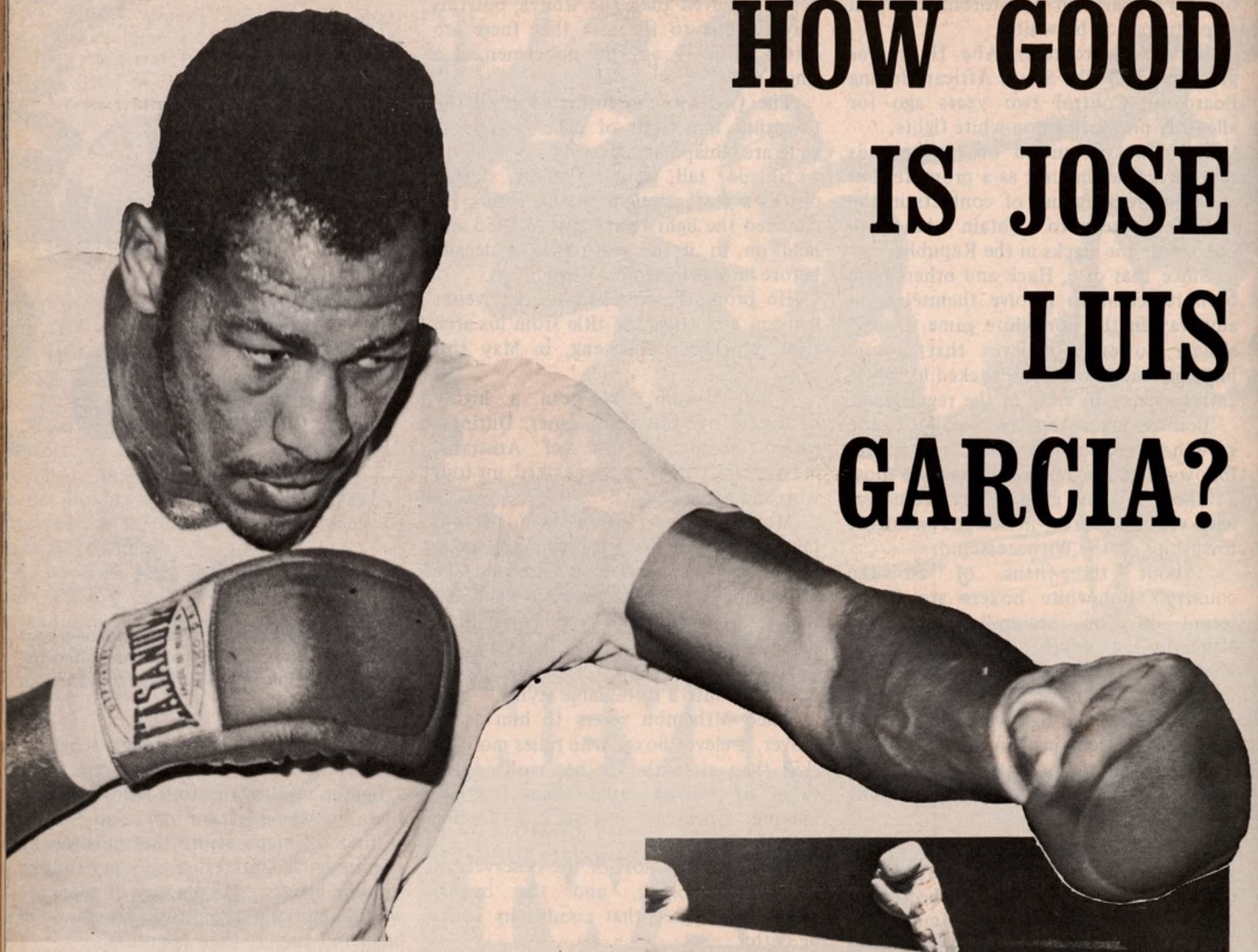
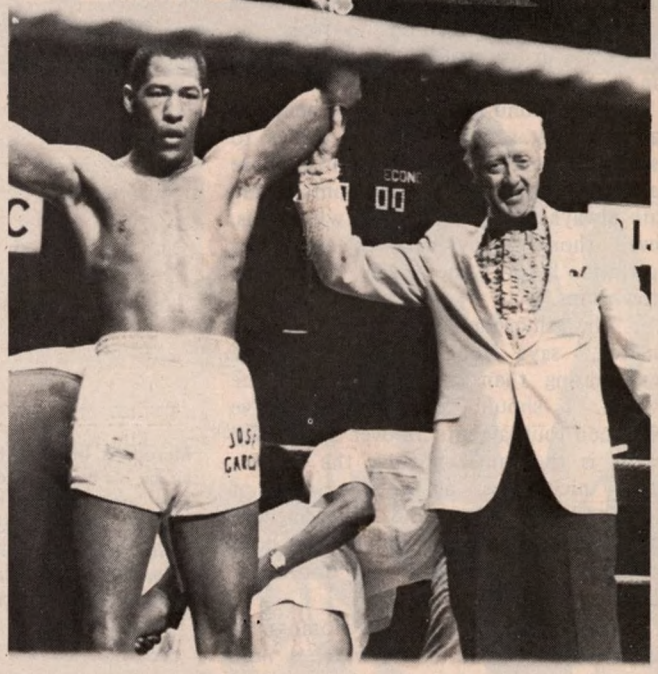


Another scene from the Nhlapo-Mafokeng bout which took place at the Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto township this past May. Nhlapo is on the left.

Morodi is lifted in the air by his happy entourage after taking the South African non-white lightweight title from Nhlapo on points in 1970.

HOW GOOD IS JOSE LUIS GARCIA?





Jose Luis Garcia displays his long left. He's currently the fourth-ranked heavyweight in the world. (Right) Garcia has his hand raised by ring announcer Jimmy Lennon after stopping Lou Hicks in L.A. in 1970.

By DAN HAFNER

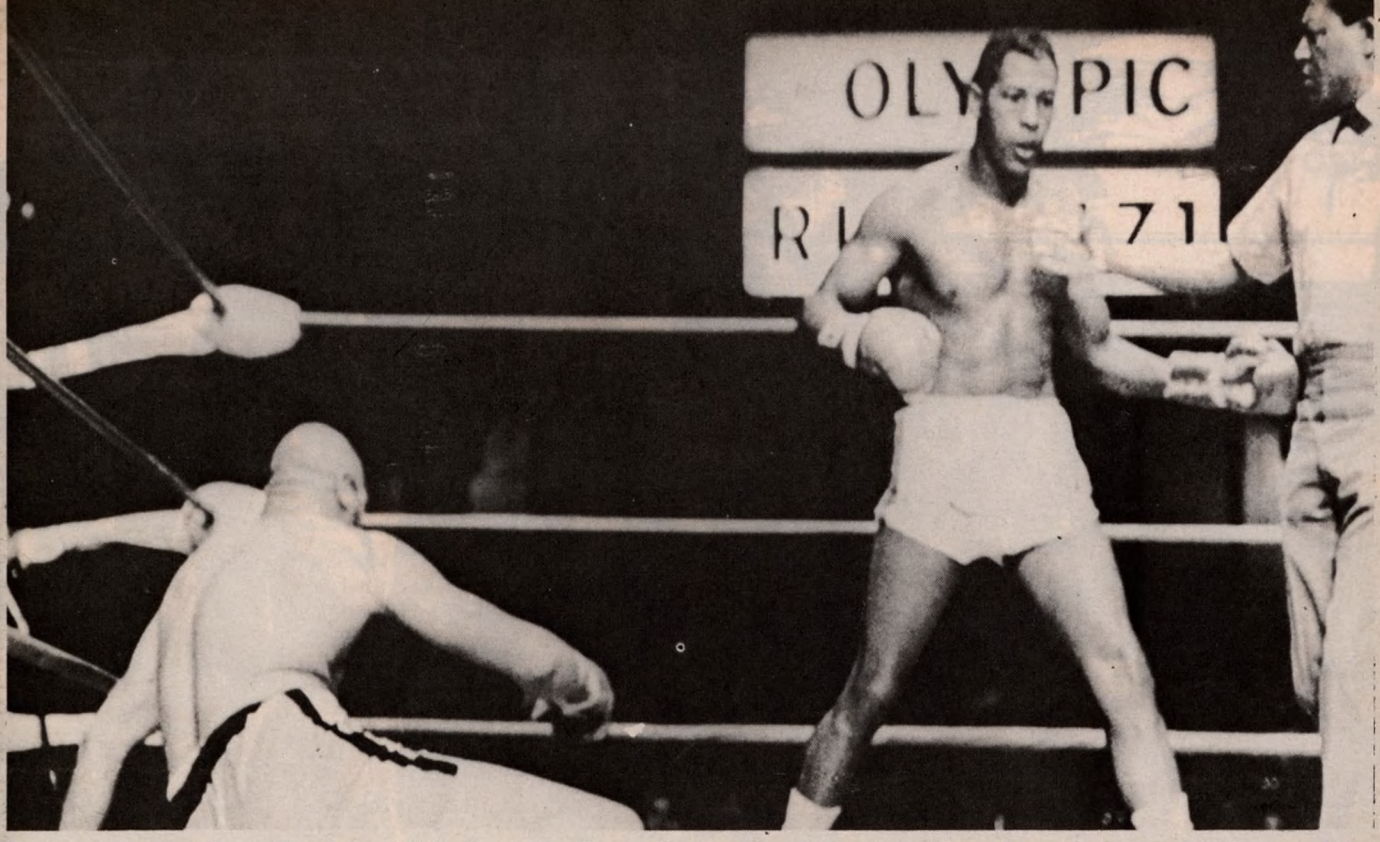
KEN Norton was all the rage. He was big, strong and had a powerful punch. There was considerable argument as to whether he or George Foreman would become king of the heavyweights after Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay had had their fill.

The ex-Marine had won all 16 of his fights as a professional, the last 15 by knockouts. It was difficult for him to find opponents. That's where things stood on July 2, 1970, as Norton entered the ring at Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles to fight one Jose Luis Garcia, a green youngster who had lost to a couple of light heavyweights.

There was quite a contrast. At 6-4 and 190, Garcia looked slender. Norton, at 6-3 and 215, appeared solidly built and strong. It was easy to see why Norton was an overwhelming favorite. The only voice raised in opposition had been that of Willie Ketchum. He didn't count. He was the kid's co-manager.

The rest is history. Garcia proved faster and quicker. He knocked his foe down with a vicious hook at the end of the fourth round and finished the startling upset in the seventh round. A new star had emerged among the heavyweights.

Norton has not lost a fight since. After Frazier had whipped Cassius Clay in the showdown, Frazier publicly acknowledged that he owed Norton much because he got Frazier into shape.



Garcia scores a second-round knockout of Roby Harris after flooring him three times in the round before referee John Thomas halted matters. Harris suffered a broken jaw in the contest which took place in L.A. this past April.

Eddie Futch, who helps Yank Durham train Frazier for the big ones, confided that six weeks before the Clay fight he had to stop Frazier and Norton from sparring with each other because Frazier, far from top shape, was taking a beating in workouts.

Garcia has climbed steadily in the rankings and is now ranked No. 4 among the world contenders. After his victory over Norton he found it difficult to get fights with name opponents.

His speed and grace reminded many of Clay, but in his early fights he demonstrated that he hits better than the former champion. In two years he has made giant strides and it comes as a surprise to the Venezuelan who is 22 and who apparently has a great future.

It was only a few years ago that Garcia was the world's skinniest pearl diver. It was not the surest way to earn enough for three meals a day. Besides, the boxing craze had struck Venezuela along with the rest of South America.

"I decided," said Garcia, "that it had to be a better way to earn a living. But I was so thin, they laughed at me when I went into the gym."

One man who didn't laugh was Romero Machado, a promoter and manager in Caracas. He was impressed with the speed of Garcia's hands. About that time, Willie Ketchum happened to be in Caracas and Machado persuaded him to see Garcia.

"It was some shock," recalled Ketchum. "I was looking at the world's tallest middleweight. There he was, 6-4, and didn't even weigh 160 pounds. I told Machado to start giving him three meals a day and I would take a look at him later."

By the time Ketchum returned, Garcia was a light heavyweight. With hardly any experience, he had been sent in against Vicente Rondon, already a five-year veteran. Garcia suffered a defeat. It was shortly after that Ketchum agreed to become his co-manager.

"It had always been my ambition to manage a heavyweight champion," said Ketchum. "I never visualized him as anything but a heavyweight. I've always said that when I have the big champ, I'll be ready to sign the last contract."

Among the champions Ketchum handled were the late Davey Moore, Jimmy Carter, Lew Jenkins, Solly Krieger and Antonio Gomez. Krieger, a middleweight, was the biggest. Alas, it does not now appear that Ketchum will get his last wish with Garcia, as heavyweight champion. It seems that Machado and Ketchum had a dispute and split up their stable.

Machado now has Garcia and Gomez, while Ketchum has Arturo Mercanto and Jose Luis del Campo. The falling out hasn't changed Ketchum's opinion of Garcia.

"If he's handled right he becomes a world champion," said Ketchum. "I think I was fortunate to get him when he had little experience. It made it easier for me to teach him. He always was a willing worker. One of the things I set out to do was put weight on him.

"I had him up to 194. For breakfast he was eating five eggs, a steak and a couple of quarts of orange juice. Then, I had to go to Japan because Gomez was fighting there. Garcia was scheduled to fight Allen Thomas in Chicago. When he arrived they told him he had two days to take off 16 pounds. I don't know how he did it. Actually, he even fought pretty well for a few rounds, but he ran out of gas in the sixth and the fight was stopped in the seventh.

"He's been fighting as a heavyweight ever since and nobody is able to make it even tough for him. He's the type of kid who never complains, either. I noticed in one fight he wasn't doing as well as I thought he should be doing. I was giving him a bad time and he said to me, 'I got hit in the groin and my right leg feels numb.' He was hurting, but he never thought to complain. It was all part of the game.

"I never had a fighter who learned so much in so short a time. He has those long arms and one thing we had to get him to do was shorten his punches. Now he throws shorter hooks and right hands and carried just as much punch.

"I had one other heavyweight who was a real prospect,

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Here is a fine shot of Colombian young men boxing on the village green at Medillin of a Saturday afternoon. It's the kids' sport down that way and out of these come world champions like Jose Napoles and Ruben Olivares.

LATIN-AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS TAKE TO BOXING GAME

By JOHN MONTGOMERY

MEDILLIN, Colombia—Remember when American kids played baseball and football in season? Remember the days when American youngsters worshipped Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Lou Gehrig?

Well, you won't find the kids around here, or other South and Central American, and Mexican cities and villages, playing baseball or football.

For one thing, they don't have the money with which to buy baseballs and bats, or footballs, American or soccer style.

What the kids down this way do is to box—not so much the street fights associated with the big cities as the Saturday afternoon glove bouts on what you might call the village green.

One worn set of old boxing gloves serves from year to year.

Seldom is a qualified coach present to direct the kids down this way. They learn by trial and error. And they do learn.

As a consequence, there are professional boxers galore in Latin-America. They seldom are big boys. Virtually no heavyweights, plenty of bantams, flyweights; occasional lightweights and welters.

Their heroes are Jose Napoles, Ruben Olivares and Carlos Monzon. For a time they cheered heavyweight Manuel Ramos. But that exploded the June night in 1968 when Joe Frazier stopped the Mexican in two rounds.

There was a time when every world championship was held by an American.

But those days are gone. The Yankee kid is throwing footballs. He is sitting at the TV receiver watching his professional heroes.

But down this way it's the jab and the hook. Awkward? Yes. But there is hunger down this way, and it is not for professional success alone. There is hunger—for real.

Right now the Saturday afternoon hero is Monzon, whom the Colombian, Brazilian and Argentine kids see as the big man of the ring, the champion of champions. Monzon, to them is the last word in punching power, and it is in that direction that the trend may be noted.

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH – The State of Connecticut became the first to name a woman boxing commissioner. Her name is Barbara B. Dunn. She is the Consumer Protection Commissioner at the moment, and will be doing double duty in the Fall.

Mrs. Dunn admits to never having attended a professional boxing match, but says that former featherweight king Willie Pep and former welterweight Chico Vejar will indoctrinate her into the world of boxing. Pep and Vejar are residents of the state.

The 45-year-old commissioner is an alumna of the University of Connecticut, where she majored in physical education She is a mother of three, and is a former legislator.

Boxing will probably return to Connecticut around October of 1973. This time is needed by the Commission to draft rules and regulations. Mrs. Dunn feels that boxing is "certainly not in its heyday and part of the reason is there aren't as many hungry young men trying to escape poverty situations. I disagree with critics who claim the sport is cruel, gory and dangerous. There are deaths in football but I don't see people stopping that game, and boxing is certainly a lot less dangerous than the way some people drive. The biggest concern, as I see it, is getting referees who will maintain a safe bout. I will also have my guard up against organized crime elements that try to infiltrate the sport".

The first lady commissioner in boxing history says that she will attend a few bouts in New York to get the feel of her new position.

The State of California has pending three bills which would protect boxers from abuse in the ring, unscrupulous managers, and financial abuse.

Bill One would authorize the State Athletic Commission to license sparring partners for pro boxers, and ban fighters from training with unlicensed sparring partners.

Bill Three would compel managers to file quarterly reports with the Commission listing the boxers' expenses and purses for each bout.

Another item would have the referee penalize a boxer for a rabbit or kidney punch. The penalty would be at least a fraction of a point in the scoring of the bout.

President Richard Nixon and heavyweight king Joe Frazier were among those honored at the "Victory Awards Banquet". This dinner is billed as the "Academy Award of Sports".

CHATTER. . .George Costner, a welterweight of the Forties, now a masseur in Cleveland. . .Lightweight Frankie Ryff is recovered from his elevator fall and doing well in New York. . .Charles Slaughter, featherweight of the Forties, works for the police department in Hollywood, Calif. . .Golden Boy Art Aragon still laughing it up on the West Coast. . .Ex-boxer Russell Greeman is a writer. . .Light heavyweight Tony Montano owns two bars in Glendale, Arizona. . .Ex-welterweight Tony DeMarco also calls Arizona his home. . .Bobby Gleason rolls along running his gym in the Bronx. . .Jerry Spears, former commissioner in Nova Scotia, still resides there. . .Artie Dorrell is employed as a security guard in Tyler, Texas. . .Jimmy Wallach, whose father was Marty Cross, is still managing boxers in New York. . .Phil Smith, lightweight of the Forties, is now a successful boxing coach in Cincinnati. . . Former world lightweight king Paddy DeMarco is dealing 21 in Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. . .Heavyweight Joey Orbillo now a member of the Los Angeles police department. . .Ira Hirsch, who is in partnership with baseball star Rusty Staub in merchandise sporting goods, is the nephew of the late Mike

BARBARA DUNN

Jacobs. . .V.B.A. Ring 8 honored Sam Taub, Babe Orlando and Harry Warren for 60 years of service. . .Johnny Keller, 60, who represented Canada in the 1932 Olympics, was honored in Montreal. . .Boxers to watch in the months to come are heavyweights Jeff Merritt, Randy Clark, G.G. Maldonado; light heavies Lennie Bennett, Len Hutchins and Richie Kates; middleweights Radames Cabrera, Bobby Watts and Mike Lancaster; welterweights Ronnie Harris, Young Kennedy and Roland Pryor; lightweights Don Sennett, Edwin Viruet and Roberto Ayala; featherweights Walter Seeley, Gary Ferrari and Don Kyun Yum; bantamweigths David Needham and Nestor Jimenez; flyweights Henry Nissen and Natalia Jimenez. . . Massacre Canyon Inn, located in Gilman Hot Springs, Calif. is becoming a popular training site for West Coast boxers. Jerry and Mike Quarry, and Mac Foster train there. . .The Denver Boxing Club, under the direction of President Vince Boryla and Vice-President Mike Hayes, is breaking all records with heavyweight Joe Vella headlining their shows. . .New Jersey manager Joe Vella is advising a long list of young talent, including Edwin and Adolph Viruet, Randy Neuman, Eddie Parks, Doc McClendon, Jasper Evans and Pat Murphy. . .Steve Brown's promotions still lack fan support in New York, while Oscar Conill's shows in the same places, Singer Bowl and Sunnyside Gardens, bring in the fans and the money. Hope Steve is not a flash in the pan and will continue operating. . .Henry Hank, Freddie Little, Clay Thomas, Tommy Clark and Willie Munoz are all on comebacks. . .Bob Goodman to be named matchmaker at the Nassau Coliseum. . .Silky Shelton, boxer turned actor in Italy, has returned to the ring and the U.S. . .Southpaw (Florida) Al Jones is being converted to a right-hander by trainer Lou Gross. Jones is now managed by nightclub owner Harry

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Q & A QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Q. How did Cassius Clay lose the heavyweight title? I mean before his defeat by Frazier.

Henry Heyliger
Bloomfield, N.J.

A. **Clay resigned as champion, and announced that he wanted to give his Ring Championship Belt to the winner of the Frazier-Ellis fight.**

Q. I always have been puzzled by George Chuvalo's failure to make it big. What do the experts believe to be his big handicap?

Guillaume Bataille
Montreal, Can.

A. **Chuvalo never learned to box. He never was able to develop a reliable defense. His punch is only fairly hard and to make matters worse, he is a copious bleeder.**

Q. My cousin in Johannesburg writes me about a boxer down there named Aucamp. I never have seen any result of a fight engaged in by Aucamp. Does he exist?

Pieter Paul
Milwaukee, Wis.

A. **Yes, there is an Aucamp in South Africa. He has held the heavyweight championship of South Africa. First name, Sarel. He has had only few fights and Fourie is accused of being afraid of Aucamp. Maybe. Maybe not.**

Q. Do you have any record of a first round KO by Dan McAlinden in London against Dennis Avoth? Would McAlinden stand a chance against our top heavies?

Travis Jamieson
Edinburgh, Scotland

A. **McAlinden did stop Avoth in the first round in London on July 7, 1969. From what we have seen of McAlinden, he would not beat Frazier, Clay, Quarry, Foreman, Bonavena or Patterson.**

Q. What is the official size of a ring in professional boxing?

Daniel Daoud
New York, N.Y.

A. **There is no official size. Sizes range from 16 to 20 feet square. Good boxers like big rings in which to maneuver.**

Q. What is the official position of Harry Markson in Madison Square Garden boxing. Is he the matchmaker?

Abel Frary
New Orleans, La.

A. **Markson is the president of Madison Square Garden Boxing. Teddy Brenner is the matchmaker.**

Q. I take it for granted that Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay will meet again. Whom would the experts favor?

Mendel Miller
Tel Aviv, Israel

A. **Clay will be a year or two years older, and considerably heavier. If he slows up he is licked. He cannot punch with Frazier. But Joe had better not take too many, either.**

Q. What you are pleased to call the No. 1 contender for the heavyweight title is your business. But I am puzzled. You call him Cassius Clay and then Muhammad Ali and he is sore if he is referred to as Clay. I do not recollect a similar situation in my 32 years of going to fights.

Oliver De Gray
San Francisco, Cal.

A. **The fighter's legal name still is Cassius Clay. He never has had it changed in court. He won the heavyweight title as Cassius Clay and not as a Kentuckian under a Muslim alias. The public knows him as Cassius Clay.**

Q. What was Jersey Joe Walcott's age when he won the heavyweight title from Ezzard Charles? How old was Marciano when he took the title from Walcott?

Oscar Denninger
Minneapolis, Minn.

A. **Walcott was 37. Marciano was 29.**

Q. I am told that I trace back to Jack Root, the first light heavy champion. There are no family records to back this up and I wondered if The Ring could offer any help.

John Ruthaly
Chicago, Ill.

A. **Jack Root's real name was Janos Ruthaly, and he came from Austria, where he was born in 1876. He died in Los Angeles in 1963. Other than that we know nothing which might help you. Root reportedly left quite an estate.**

Q. When Joe Frazier met Jimmy Ellis, who was the world champion?

William Brailoff
Chicago, Ill.

A. **Ellis had claimed the title because he had won the WBA elimination tournament. Frazier had title recognition from The Ring. But the indecision soon was cleared and Frazier was left in sole command when Joe stopped Jimmy in five, after Clay had announced his retirement.**

Q. Was Benny Leonard still the lightweight champion when he returned to the ring after he had retired?

Harvey Gale
Missoula, Mont.

A. **No, Benny was not the lightweight champion. He returned as a welterweight. Jimmy Goodrich was recognized as lightweight champion when Benny quit. Rocky Kansas outpointed Goodrich, Sammy Mandell outpointed Kansas, Al Singer knocked out Mandell, Tony Canzoneri stopped Singer, Barney Ross outpointed Tony, all this from July 13, 1925 to June 23, 1933.**

Q. Do you have any record of a boxer named Tom Von Hatten? He is a welterweight.

Hayes Yerger
San Antonio, Tex.

A. **Tom Van Hatten, welter, from Fort Worth, had four fights in 1971. Won all four, first on points, next three by KO.**

Q. Do you believe that Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay will meet again? I have my doubts. They seem to be afraid of each other.

Emery Dittenhoefer
Las Vegas, Nev.

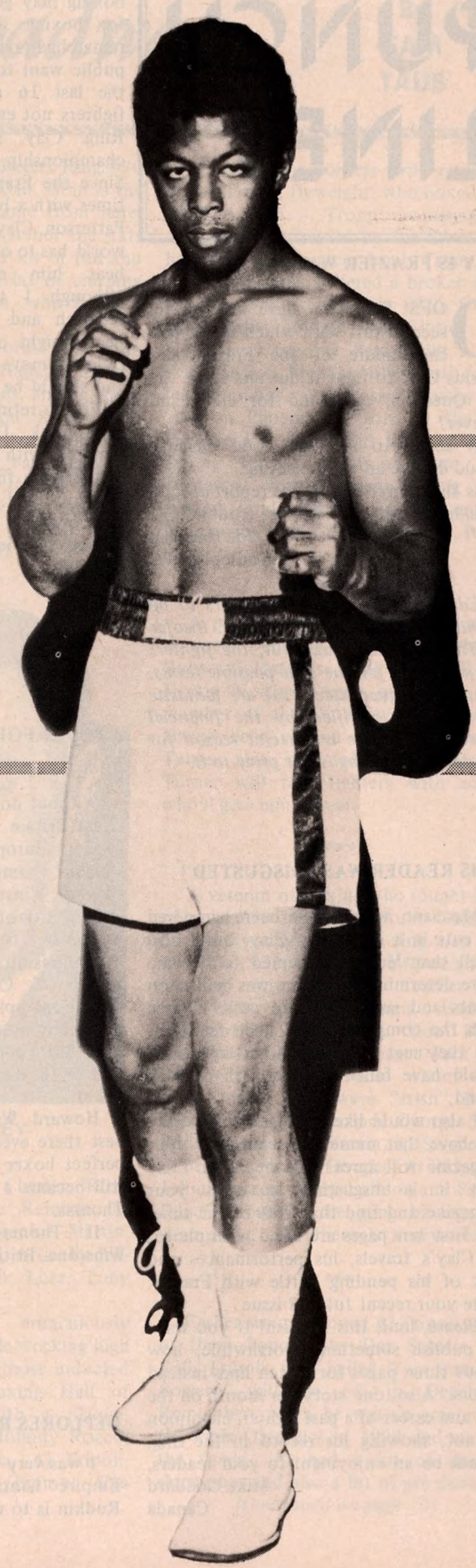
A. **Frazier and Clay will meet again. There is too much money in the pot to be passed up, more than a million each under liberal tax laws of California.**

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Canadian Amateur Star Butler Off To Fast Pro Start

MONTREAL, CAN.—At age 19, after three years in the amateur ranks during which Marshall Butler won six titles, including a National, represented Canada in the British Commonwealth Games and the Pan-Am Games, Butler turned pro. No olympics for him.

Butler, who won 42 of his 47 amateur bouts, made the decision to turn pro last fall after being stifled by the clique governing the non-pro ranks. The Montreal boxer has natural ability and moves one rarely sees in a youngster fresh from amateur boxing.



Still a minor in the eyes of the law, Butler's older brother and guardian signed a professional contract with Montreal fight manager Roger Larivee.

The addition of Butler into the Canadian pro ranks was greeted with enthusiasm. Montreal, which is by far the best fight city in Canada, has in Butler a boy who will give his best.

Thus far in his budding pro career which began in November, 1971, Butler has halted Serge Prouix, Joe Pandolfi and Jim Henry and scored decisions over Gerry Bouchard, Antonio Durango and Johnny Stracey.

PUNCH LINES

WHY IS FRAZIER WAITING?

DOES The Ring have any inside, secret stuff with which to explain the failure of Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay to fight it out and settle the Big Question, once and for all – and forever?

It seems to me that good business would dictate an early meeting.

Is there anything to the report around Philadelphia that Joe has eye trouble?

Joe Harrigan
Philadlephia, Pa.

Editor's Note – There appears to be nothing to the eye trouble story. Insofar as The Ring can make out, the fighters are jockeying for the best possible terms, fighting for guarantees that are fantastic and perhaps justified by the financial potential. If there is a secret reason for the delay, The Ring is not privy to it.

THIS READER WAS "DISGUSTED"

Marciano would have been hampered by cuts in a bout with Clay, but I also recall that Marciano seemed to become more determined when he was behind on points and suffering from cuts. I agree with the computer series. I do feel that, had they met in an actual battle, Cassius would have fallen by the 13th or 14th round.

I also would like to offer a suggestion. I believe that numerous readers of your magazine will agree with me, when I say that it is disgusting to open your magazine and find that 90% of the time, the first ten pages are filled with photos of Clay's travels, his performances and talk of his pending battle with Frazier. Note your recent July/72 issue.

Please, limit this rubbish! If you want to publish something worthwhile, how about three pages for punch lines instead of one. Also, one story per month on the life and career of a past fighter, champion or not, showing his record in the ring, would be an enjoyment to your readers.

Mike Goddard
Canada

IOWAN SEES IT DARKLY

I feel that when Cassius Clay retires boxing may go downhill. It will be good for boxing if Clay wins the Frazier rematch. Frazier is not the champion the public want to see fighting only twice in the last 16 months, and then against fighters not even rated in the top ten by Ring. Clay, although I feel lost the championship, is the true fighting champ. Since the Frazier fight he's fought seven times with a bout coming up with Floyd Patterson. Clay's also fighting the best the world has to offer with no one a threat to beat him except possibly Frazier, although I think Clay will win the rematch and with it the public's true heavyweight champion. I look for Ron Lyle to move into the top ten in 1973 and should be a strong title threat if Clay or Frazier retire.

I think Denny Moyer deserves a rematch with Monzon, and if Monzon and Briscoe fight, I hope Benny knocks Monzon cold. Monzon's had too many controversial wins and an Argentine referee like in the Moyer fight doesn't help any.

Randy Stokes
Marshalltown, Iowa

A POSEY FOR THOMAS

Sirs,

Without doubt the greatest manager in Great Britain today is Eddie Thomas. A former European and British welterweight champion himself he's taken Howard Winstone to the world featherweight title (W.B.C.) version and Ken Buchanan to the world lightweight championship. Eddie Avoth, former British & Commonwealth lightheavyweight champion, was also under his wing plus many others. Buchanan of course has since left Thomas but I'm sure he realizes that with his help he's become a fine boxer.

Howard Winstone, a real great, the best there ever was here. Eddie Avoth, a perfect boxer but with no punch, yet he still became a world rated fighter under Thomas.

If Thomas can produce another Winstone, British boxing will never die.

Les Matthews
Hornchurch, England

DEPLORES RUDKIN'S GOODBYE

I was very sorry to hear that British & Empire bantamweight champion Alan Rudkin is to retire. The former European champion will be a great loss to British boxing. Alan fought the best in Johnny Caldwell, Fighting Harada, Walter McGowan, Ben Ali, Lional Rose, Evan Armstrong, Ruben Olivares, Johnny Clark, Jimmy Revie, Franco Zurlo and Agustin Senin.

Fights in Australia, Spain (twice), Japan and America for world and European titles put Alan in the other man's backyard. Had Rudkin got his chance to fight in England for the world title, I'm sure he would have won. For in front of his fans the British champ would fight like a superman. After 50 fights Rudkin can look back on a good career and has gone out a winner outpointing Johnny Clark in his last contest.

The vacant title will now be fought for by Johnny Clark, Dave Needham, Paddy Maguire, Colin Miles and John Kellie.

Ralph Oates
Rainham, England

"CALL HIM MUHAMMAD ALI"

I think Ring is a good magazine, but it has one fault. This is your consistency of calling Muhammad Ali Cassius Clay. I think Ali has gained the respect he has fought for since changing his name. So show him some respect and call him Muhammad Ali. You must agree the boxing world would suffer if this man quit the ring.

Bob Wilson
Grand Island, New York

VISITS WITH FRANK ERNE

Recently I called on my old friend, Frank Erne, who now lives at Gold Beach, Oregon. You will recall that he was the lightweight champion of the world in 1901-2, until beaten by Joe Gans, whom he had previously defeated in twelve rounds.

My first memory of those days was when Battling Nelson knocked out Gans in 21 rounds at Colma. I thought you might like to know that Frank is 92 years old, and although getting quite feeble and almost blind, still retains his memories of the old days, speaks well and hears well.

He had 197 fights, and we sat for two hours talking about them. I have been a fight fan all my life, and have seen a great many of the old fighters in action. I have taken The Ring magazine ever since it was first published. I am eighty years old, but quite spry and work a lot on my acreage and my son's ranch.

Sam Atherton
Roseburg, Oregon

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

BOXING lost its greatest champion in the passing of my long time friend, Nat Fleischer. We've had great boxing champions, who won their acclaim through their fistic prowess. We've had great promoters like Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs. . .We've had great managers like Jack Kearns. . .But no man ever was greater in boxing than Nat Fleischer.

He was dedicated to the game for more than half a century. He fought for the betterment of the sport at all times. He was the real "Giant" of the game His accomplishments were many. A great newspaper sports editor, founder of the first national boxing medium, he was known all around the world. Nat Fleischer was an outstanding referee. . . His capabilities were unlimited and his contributions, in the way of stories of some of our greatest champions, have been left for posterity. . .

We can never forget him nor his many fine acts in our behalf. . .They called him "Mr. Boxing" and that was most appropriate and fitting. Boxing has lost its greatest defender and champion.

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The night before Ken Buchanan was shorn of his crown by Roberto Duran in the N.Y. Garden, Harry Markson, M.S.G.'s Director of Boxing, tossed a shindig in the Penn Plaza Club for one of England's outstanding reporters, Peter Wilson, of the London Mirror, who is retiring after the Olympic games. . .

All of Peter's English cronies were there, besides his New York pals. George Casey, Sunday Mirror. . .George Harkness, Evening News. . .Dick Currier, Scottish Daily Record. . .Jimmy Sanderson, Scottish Daily Express. . .Reg Gutteridge, London Evening News, and John Smith, London Mirror. . .Also present were Mickey Duff and Mike Barrett, British promoters, as well as Ken Buchanan, who sang a few chanties. . . Harry Hershfield regaled with a few yarns, always a big hit. . .And to commemorate the occasion, Wilson was presented by Bill Gallo with a traveling bag on behalf of New York's Boxing Writers.

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Had a joyous evening at the annual get-together of Veteran Boxers Ring #30 at Trinchi's in Yonkers. Dan Sabin is the No. 30 prexy. . .They came from here, there and everywhere to honor the stars of the occasion. It was a lot of fun and we were happy to do a bit of chirping along with Irv Silverman, who handled the dais.

Also on the platform was the Veterans' prexy, Scoop Gallello, as well as many former champions, among them Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, Lou Salica, Phil Terranova, and Petey Scalzo. Others on the dais were Chico Vejar, Tami Mauriello and Johnny Vee, the late Johnny Addie's brother-in-law, master of song and who also directed the band. Among other former pugilists present were Tony Janiro, Carmine Fatta, Chester Rico, Lenny Del Genio, Vince Rainone, Al Sparks, Eddie Swider, Frankie Martin, Leo Fresella, Billy Bossio, Artie Rodenback, Billy Maloney, Jack Lotz, Tony Judycki and Johnny Luke.

JACK DEMPSEY

Frankie Ryff, who miraculously escaped death in a fall while working high on a building, was among those inducted into the Westchester Boxing Hall of Fame, and presented with a plaque. Others so honored were Johnny Rocco, Georgie Rugg, Ben Sousa, Al Tripoli, Kenny Sheehan and Jimmy Vee Bevacqua.

Many New Yorkers will remember Maxie Tropp, flyweight, who boxed from 1923 to 1925. . . .Tropp was managed by Abe Katz and trained by Joe Gross. . .He had only one amateur bout. Tropp, who is 65 and single, suffered a broken jaw in the 8th Avenue Garden in 1926. Used to work with the late Dan Florio, when Florio was training Pete Reilly's stars, Petey Scalzo, Freddie Miller, both former feather kings, and Wesley Ramey. Has been in Phoenix, Arizona at the Turf Paradise Racetrack. Out there with him, among former champions, are Tony DeMarco, former welter king from Boston, and Sammy Angott, onetime lightweight boss from Washington, Pa.

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A popular chap on Broadway, always in Jack Dempsey's and a member of Ruby Goldstein's Ring #8, VBA, is Morris 'Moishe' Turner, who while not a member of the Cauliflower brigade, has always been around where fighters are. Turner also is a follower of baseball. Turner will talk fighters with anyone who'll give him his ear.

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A veteran of boxing who fought many of the great ones, is Al Rube Goldberg, 64 years young. He was a ring man from 1923 to 1932, starting as a flyweight and growing into bantam, feather and lightweight. . .Had 80 scraps. . .Had two managers, the late Frank "Doc" Bagley and Doc Hirsh, who managed Jack 'Kid' Bernstein. . .Among those whom Goldberg tangled with were "Irish" Bobby Brady, Young Zazzarino, George Mack, Eddie Cannonball Martin, Al Singer, Kid Chocolate, Johnny Dundee, Al Ridgeway, Johnny Green, Harry London and Pancho Dencio, four of the gang having been champions. . .Goldberg is a news dealer.

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Earlier we mentioned Al Tripoli as one of those honored by Dan Sabia's Ring #30. Tripoli, who hailed from immortal Bowery will be 68 in December. Remembers when he was an amateur in the Paris Olympics in 1924 and reached the finals. . .Al had a lot of amateur skirmishes and also a lot of pro duels. He

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Classic Old Photo Brings Back Memories of Johnson

By NAT FLEISCHER

(This is one of the last stories written by the late editor of The Ring)

IN 1922, I started The Ring Magazine. This venture did not introduce me to boxing, by any means. For years I had been a sports editor in New York.

I had become friendly with Jack Johnson in Havana in 1915, while he was training for the battle with Jess Willard, which Jack lost, with the heavyweight title, on April 5, 1915. I had met him after he had stopped Jim Jeffries in 1910, at Reno.

After The Ring had taken the field, Johnson became a frequent visitor in our offices. Too bad nobody got to write his real and complete story. The biography which a Chicago writer ghosted for Jack was fragmentary.

Later on, when Johnson got into financial difficulties, I bought from him a signed "confession" that he had faked the 26-round KO by Willard.

I did not believe the "confession" then and I do not believe it now. However, that is a book unto itself.

I got to know Jack Johnson as the greatest heavyweight of all time.

This high rating of Jack will be found in The Ring Record Book. I stood by the ranking when I wrote it many years ago and I have found no reason to change it as the years have passed into limbo.

My rating of Johnson is challenged by some readers of The Ring who, I am fairly certain, never saw him fight, and who, in fact, were not born before Johnson quit the ring in 1928.

I saw Jack Johnson fight. I have seen his successors to the world heavyweight title. Every one of them.

On the adjoining page you will see perhaps the finest oldtime boxing photograph in existence. It shows Jack Johnson and Sam McVey in the ring at Los Angeles on February 27, 1903.

Johnson was 25 years of age. He had been fighting since 1897, when he stopped Jim Rocks in four rounds and outpointed Sam Smith in 10, at Galveston, where Jack was born on March 31, 1878.

I believe that Johnson had a few $3 brawls prior to 1897. But his memories did not lead him past the fight with Rocks. Jack had been a dock roustabout in Galveston since he was 16. He was big and strong, agile and adroit, graceful, athletic.

The Record Book says that John Arthur Johnson had 113 bouts, with 44 knockouts, 30 won by decision, four won on fouls, 14 drawn, one lost by decision, 5 lost by KO.

I would not take an oath that these summations are absolutely correct. But they are the best I could produce after exhaustive research.

The fight which Johnson and McVey had in Los Angeles in February, 1903, went the scheduled distance of 20 rounds. Johnson won by a good margin.

He had two later meetings with Sam, beating him again on points in 20 rounds at Los Angeles on October 27, 1903, and stopping McVey in 20 rounds at San Francisco on April 22, 1904.

How many times did Jack Johnson carry an opponent? The answer cannot be guessed at. Johnson was a Negro, the first world heavyweight champion of that race. It is conceivable that in some of his fights he had to make accomodations. Let us not judge Li'l Artha too harshly if we do not know what conditions were in mixed matches during his pre-title days.

Johnson was a fantastic counter puncher. He was the ring general, the fistic scientist, par excellence.

It isn't the Willard fight alone which suggests close review.

There was the affair with Jim Jeffries at Reno in 1910, five years after the Boilermaker had retired.

Johnson stopped Jeffries in 15 rounds. The last 10 heats were courtesy affairs from Jack to a once great fighter who never should have come out of retirement, and who had weakened himself by coming down more than 50 pounds. The fight was scheduled for 45 rounds, with Tex Rickard the promoter, and the referee, as well.

I did not see Johnson stop Tommy Burns in 14 rounds at Sydney, Australia. But I am questioned on that one, too, what with Johnson weighing 192 and Tommy 168. Did Jack carry Tommy? I do not know. Johnson never talked much about that fight, except to give Tommy the laurel wreath for gameness, which Burns richly deserved.

That Johnson and Willard had to fight in Havana was disgraceful. Federal officials hounded Jack on charges connected with the ridiculous Mann Act. As a Negro at that time he invited hounding.

Jack's training in Cuba bordered on the farcical. Conceivably he underrated Willard. Maybe Jack was just tired of it all.

Harry Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox baseball club, who was associated with Jack Curley, via Sport Herman's money out of Chicago, said in later years, "Johnson trained on fried chicken and hot biscuits, and fishing expeditions in the shadow of Morro Castle."

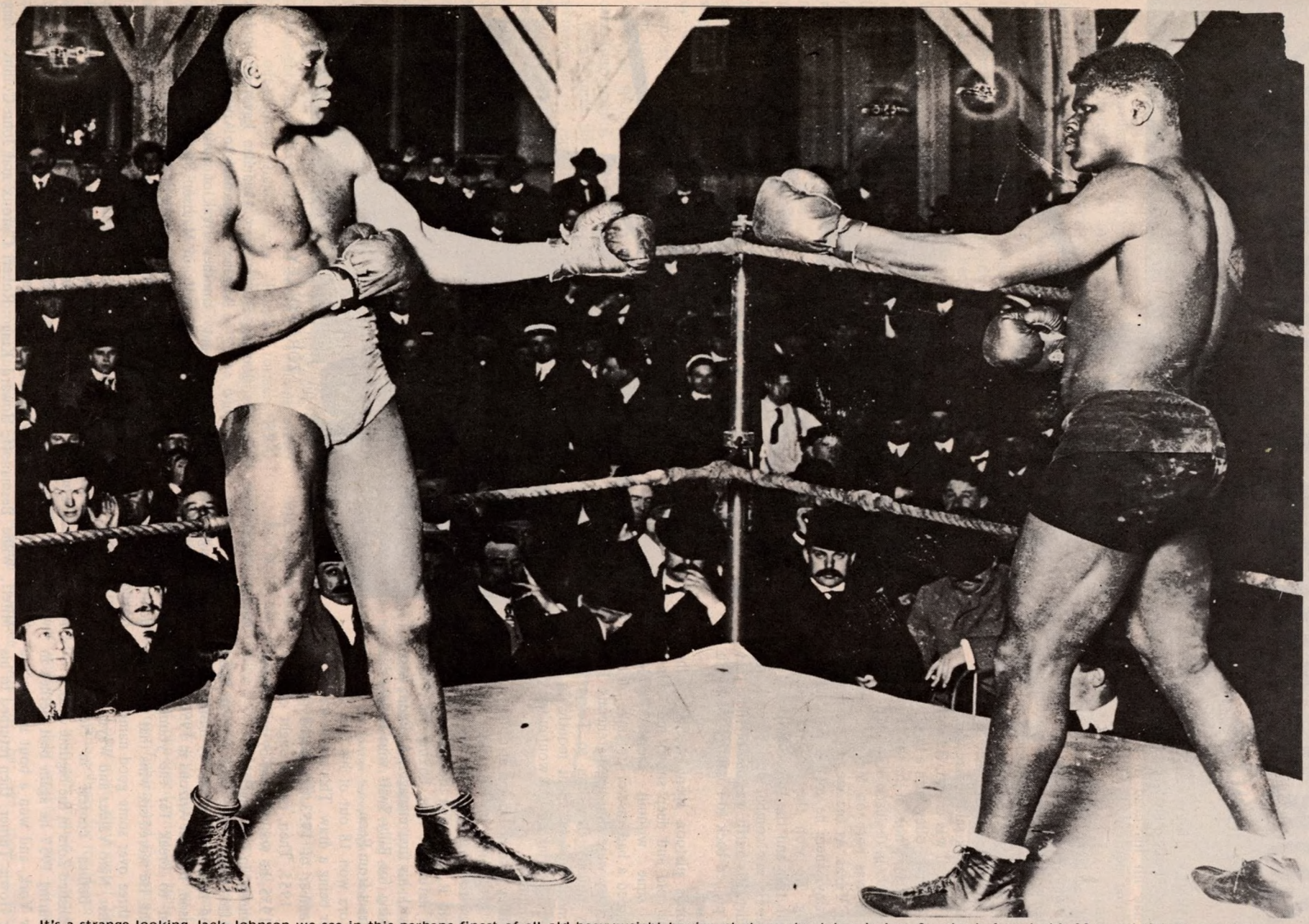
Be all that as it may, Jack Johnson was the greatest heavyweight the game yet has produced. Selah!

Many write to me that I have been overrating Jack Johnson. I believe that there are far many more cases of underrating than overrating.

One of the most underrated heavies was Ezzard Charles. I am very sorry that Charles has been reduced to a wheelchair case. But memories of his fights, even losing ones, always have given him a prominent place in my ratings. I always have liked him personally.

Jersey Joe Walcott was underrated. But his trouble stemmed from the fact that by the time he got the title he was too old.

Time will prove that among the underrated is Rocky Marciano, who never entered a ring out of shape, who gave everything he had, who could take it, and dish it out.



It's a strange looking Jack Johnson we see in this perhaps finest of all old heavyweight boxing photographs, taken in Los Angeles before Jack's 20-round victory over Sam McVey in February, 1903. You see a finely conditioned, lean and sleek Johnson. The photograph was presented to The Ring by Jimmy Jacobs, who collects old fight films and other ring memorabilia.

ZORA FOLLEY, 1932-1972

By JOHN ORT

FORMER heavyweight contender Zora Folley died recently after he had hit his head in a fall into a swimming pool in a motel in Tucson, Arizona.

The accident happened about midnight when Zora and some friends began indulging in horseplay. Folley attempted to throw a fully clothed friend into the pool, police said. Zora slipped, striking his head on the concrete side of the pool. The motel clerk said he had warned them that the pool was closed. He went on to say "I found Folley with a large lump on his forehead, a hole in the top of his head and another in the back of his head"

Zora was born on May 27, 1932 in Dallas, Texas. At the age of 16 he joined the Army where he got his first taste of boxing. He won the All-Army heavyweight title and the Inter-Service crown twice. He saw combat during the Korea conflict. His outfit was one of those that were pushed back to Pusan by the North Koreans.

Zora's platoon spent weeks in the bitter cold and deep snow, and went a long time without shelter. Folley developed a bad case of frostbike on his feet. They were almost gangreneous. The Army quickly flew him to Tokyo for treatment, and he spent months in the hospital praying his feet wouldn't have to be amputated.

Folley returned home after the war to find his home in Chandler, Arizona, burned to the ground. Needing money to rebuild it, Zora did the thing that was most natural to him, boxing. He joined up with his first manager, Al Fenn, later working for Billy Swift who bought his contract from Fenn.

Zora won 18 out of his first 19, the other being a draw. This streak started in September of 1953 and lasted through May, 1955. Then, on the night of June 23, 1955, he was stopped by big Johnny Summerlin in Los Angeles.

After three more wins he was again halted in L.A., this time by Young Jack Johnson. Back in Arizona in 1956, things began to break for the young heavyweight. He scored six wins that year, the last three over some good names: Roger Rischer, Nino Valdez and Wayne Bethea. The Bethea contest in New York established Zora in the bigtime class.

During 1957 he again beat Bethea in New York, and won a bout in Syracuse over Howie Turner, then returned to his native Arizona where he scored nine more wins over so-so opponents. 1958 was a slow year for him. He engaged in six bouts, winning four, losing one, drawing in one.

ZORA FOLLEY

He fought two bouts in England, losing a decision to Henry Cooper and kayoing Joe Bygraves. During the year, at home, he stopped Pete Rademacher and boxed a poor draw with Eddie Machen in San Francisco. The next two years were good to him financially. Zora went to the post 11 times, winning all but one, in which he was kayoed in three rounds by Sonny Liston. He gained wins over Alex Miteff, Willie Besmanoff, Howard King and Eddie Machen. Things were looking good, a title bout close, when on May 11, 1961 he was kayoed by the tragic Argentinian Alejandro Lavorante in Los Angeles. It was back to Arizona again and another streak of wins, ending on a sour note in Madison Square Garden against Doug Jones on December 15, 1962.

The New York belter stopped Zora in seven.

Before that bout he had scored nine in a row over such men as Mike DeJohn, Paul Andrews, Henry Cooper, Robert Cleroux and Doug Jones. In 1963 he fought five times, winning three against Billy Daniels, Robert Cleroux and John Collins, losing in New York to Ernie Terrell via a ten-round nod. 1964-1966 saw him box

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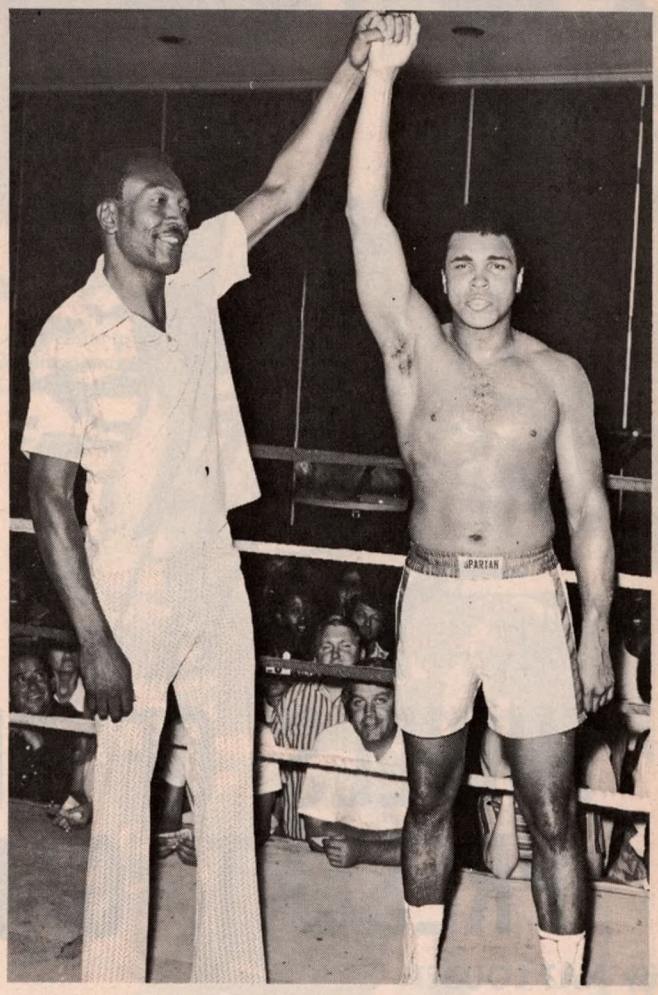
Telling It Like It Is

By BOB GOODMAN

WE predict that big cash guarantees to fighters will ultimately scare off legitimate major boxing promoters. . .Whatever happened to the day when a fighter earned his money on a percentage against a reasonable guarantee?. . .Good gate attractions deserve every penny they can earn and promoters would be more than happy to pay off in big figures on a percentage basis because their money would be in the bank too. . .Some of the demands made by fighters today are so far out of line, it becomes ridiculous, not to mention the fact they just don't seem to have that added incentive to try and help sell a show. . .Now has come the era of the one-shot promoters, the money men, the syndicated money group, most of whom know nothing about boxing, just in for the hopeful "quick kill". . .These promoters will do nothing for boxing, nothing to develop talent and do not really care if the game gets a black eye in the process, as long as they can make a buck. . .Not only is boxing having problems, it is happening in all sports. . .The fans get tired of reading of player strikes, salary disputes, court cases and lawyers running the game the fans loved so much. . .The advance money that must be put up before certain matches is staggering and how many boxing promoters today can come up with high six figure numbers?. . .It's tough enough to promote on any kind of a regular basis today without getting your brains kicked in before you even start. .Sympathies go out to all sports promoters everywhere–even promoters of chess tournaments.

Oscar Conill, the Cuban New Yorker, who has been doing a tremendous job recently making matches and promoting at Sunnyside Garden in Queens, N.Y. and the Singer Bowl Arena, outdoors adjacent to Shea Stadium, keeps coming up with one exciting and evenly matched show after another. . .Former welterweight champ Jackie Fields, based at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., is doing a great job as Chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission. . .In Vegas, it's difficult to beat former lightweight king Paddy DeMarco, dealing blackjack at plush Caesars Palace. . .Joe Louis is looking fit and does his handshaking bit daily at Caesars. . .Also in Vegas is former top middleweight Jimmy Flood, who is driving a cab during the day and giving everyone bad advice at the tables in the casinos at night. . .Still can't quite figure out how he manages to get everyplace, but former lightweight champ Ike Williams has shown up at almost every major out-of-town fight. . .Ernie Terrell, former WBA heavyweight king, and his group, "The Heavyweights", were appearing at the International Hotel in Las Vegas, while the "Soul Brothers", Cassius Clay and Bob Foster were training daily at nearby Caesars Palace. . .Now that the "Soul Brother" act is over, Bob Foster wants to try one of his patented left hooks on Clay for size. . ."Let Clay stand there and take my bangin' for a little while, I'd break his rib cage." said the confident 175-pound king. . .Former WBA light heavyweight champ Vicente Rondon is now going the route of a heavyweight opponent. . .He was stiffened by Denver's Ron Lyle and may well get the same at the hands of hard-punching Ernie Shavers. . .Baseball is invading the boxing scene, first with hurler Dean Chance, who's been promoting for a few years. Now Chance has hired his old pitching pal, former no-hit pitcher and just as famous for his off-field antics, Bo Belinsky, as his matchmaker. . .Who knows what kind of matches Bo and Dean will come up with, but life for the duo will never be dull.



Light heavyweight king Bob Foster raises Cassius Clay's hand prior to a Clay training session. Foster wouldn't mind trying out his left hook in a regulation bout with the former heavyweight titleholder.

Bill Miller, the promoter at the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas, has to be one of boxing's "Iron Men". He also promotes at Lake Tahoe, puts on five shows a month at the Slipper, runs his bar, the Thorobred Lounge, helps run a charter airline, and still finds time to take his lovely wife out in their boat for a cruise now and then. A robust, two-fisted promoter, Miller has helped develop many West Coast fighters and shows no signs of slowing down.

Veteran trainer-cut man, Lou Gross, the king of Miami Beach night scene, also does a fine column for the Miami Star and Chicago Nite Life. . .Lou, who gets around the world in boxing as well as anybody, has worked with 17 world champions.

Angelo Dundee has to be the most congenial trainer-manager around today. . .He must write 300 postcards to friends and newspapermen as soon as he checks into a

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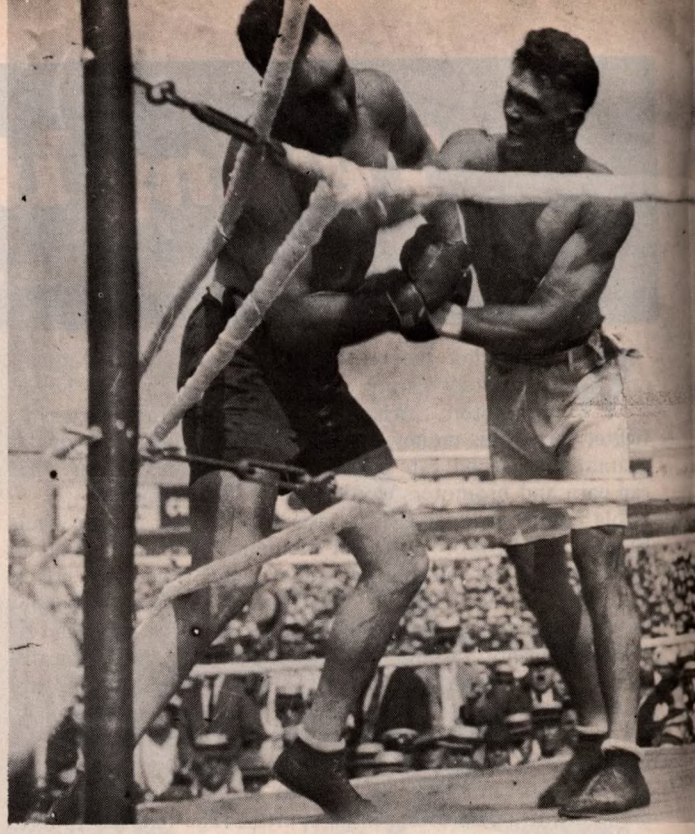


(Left) Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries at close quarters during their never-to-be-forgotten meeting at Reno, Nevada, July 4, 1910, when Johnson defended his heavyweight crown by stopping the comebacking Jeff in the 15th round. (Above) Jess Willard is about to hit the canvas on one of seven downward trips in the first round against Jack Dempsey at Toledo, O. on July 4, 1919. Jack became the new heavyweight king when Jess could not come out for the fourth round.

THRILLS OF RING, PAST AND PRESENT, GAIN TOP FAVOR

By NAT LOUBET

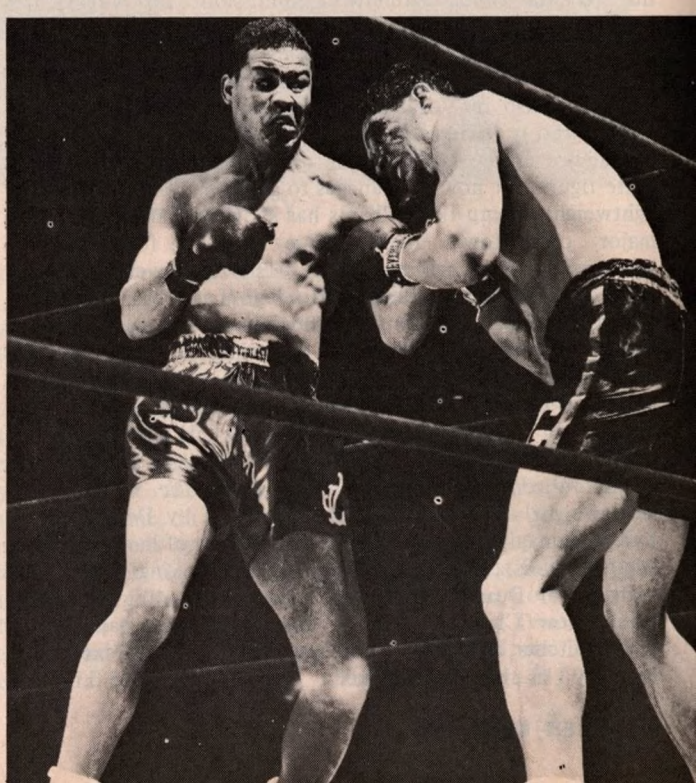
THE June issue of "Facts, Figures, and Film", authoritative bulletin published for television executives throughout the world, revealed a survey that will be of tremendous interest to all sports fans. The report says:

"Can a 20-year-old sergeant from Terre Haute, Indiana, identify with the heavyweight champion of the world of 60 years ago?

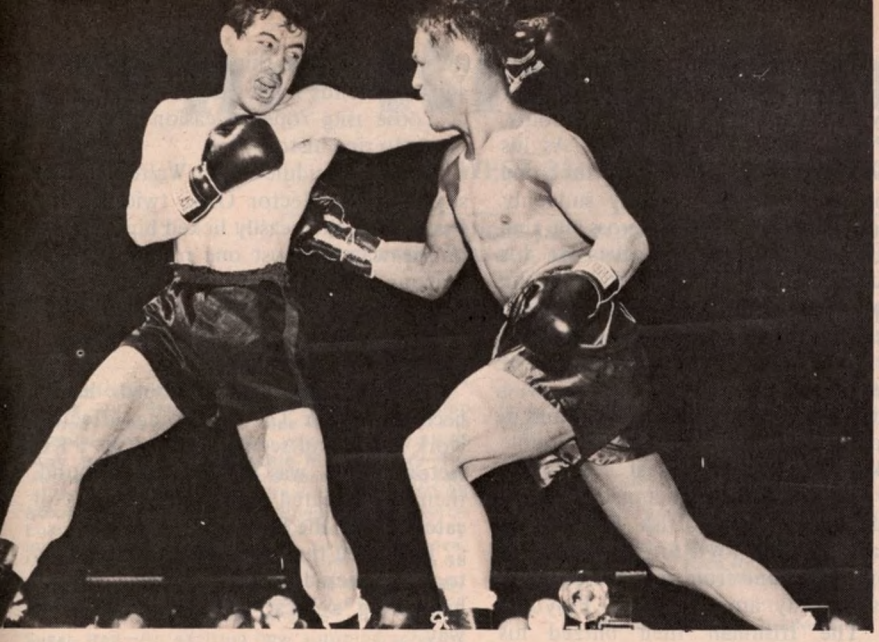
"The answer is a decisive "yes," according to the results of a recent survey conducted by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, the packaging arm of the Service Network.

"From Adana, Turkey, to Taegu, Korea, American G.I.'s and officers favor films of big-time boxing over all other sports programs broadcast by the Armed Forces Network.

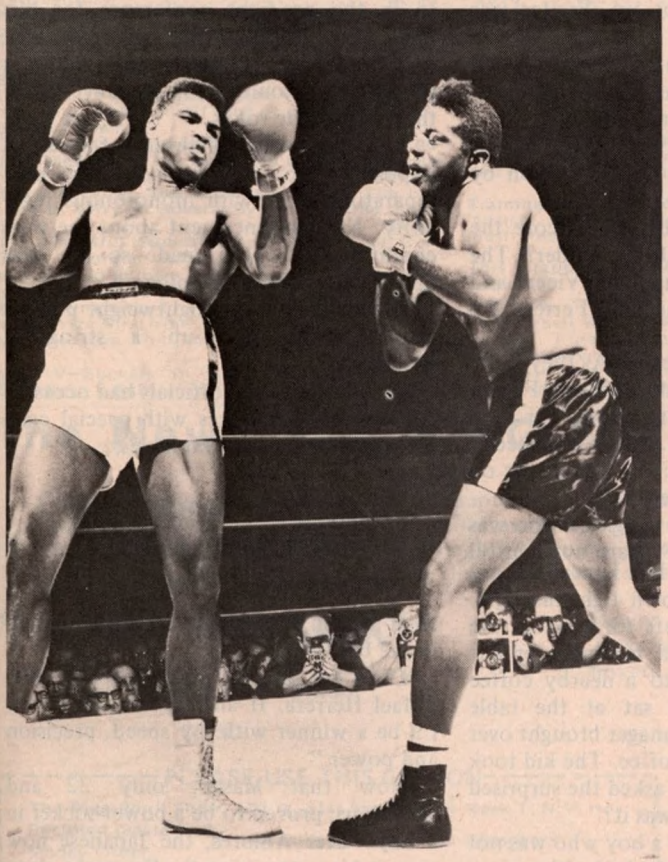
"The *New* "GREATEST FIGHTS OF THE CENTURY" and "KNOCKOUT," two filmed boxing shows featuring the greatest fighters of all time – including Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Jack Johnson, Rocky Marciano, Cassius Clay, Sugar

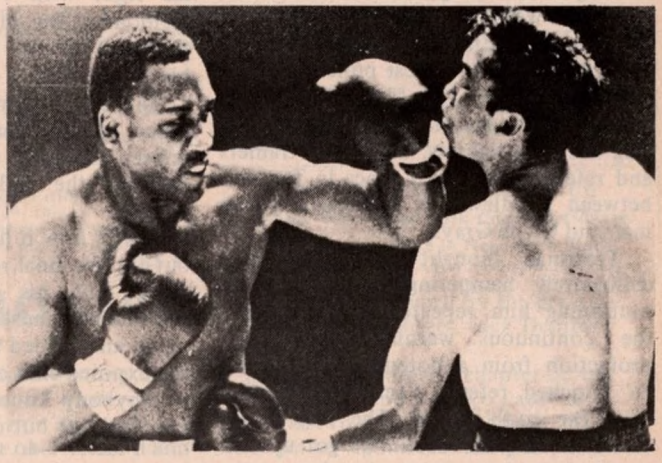


Joe Louis pounds away at Arturo Godoy during their second bout in June, 1940. The Brown Bomber halted the South American in the eighth round.



(Above) Tony Zale lands a hard right to Rocky Graziano's ribs during their third battle for the middleweight championship on June 10, 1948 at Newark, N.J. Zale scored a three-round kayo to regain the crown. (Right) Rocky Marciano pounds away at Roland LaStarza before putting him away in 11 rounds in 1953.





(Left) Cassius Clay has just landed a hard uppercut to the jaw of Floyd Patterson during their contest at Las Vegas on September 22, 1965. Clay scored a TKO in 12 rounds. (Above) Joe Frazier connects with a vicious left hook to Manuel Ramos' jaw before stopping him in two rounds in June, 1968 at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Ray Robinson, Joe Frazier, and other all-time ring greats, each in his most memorable fights – outdraws all other sports shows beamed to the G.I.'s including NFL & AFL Football, Professional Baseball, Basketball, Soccer and Hockey.

"These two boxing film shows are also preferred over many of the highest-rated shows seen on the regular commercial networks, the survey disclosed.

"The special survey covered five of the six regions in the G.I. Network, and included Europe, Iceland, Labrador, Korea, the Phillipines, Japan, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Alaska.

"These regions make up a total of 34 government stations – 21 Air Force, 7 Army, and 6 Navy. Armed Forces programs are beamed through a total of 60 stations with an estimated audience of 2.5 million, according to a spokesman for the Armed Forces Network in Washington."

What's so surprising about young men turning on to boxing? Young men always have! Second only to S-E-X, the event that will really grab a guy and turn him on full-blast is a good fight!

Don't forget, too, that when yesterday's boxing heroes were unloading those punches that made history, today's guys were either in diapers or weren't born yet.

The real news here is that the thrill-packed fights that Dad and Grandpa saw at ringside can be seen TV-side today.

Bill Cayton and Jim Jacobs have been reclaiming, often frame-by-frame, the very earliest film fights photographed by

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YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF DAFFY HAPPENINGS IN RING

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The bizarre ending came after the mandatory eight count. Torres, still woozy, fired a right from his peekaboo stance and connected right on the button. Green crumpled and sprawled on his stomach. He was conscious but unable to rise, making for one of the weirdest knockouts in ring history.

Frank DePaula, the light heavyweight who was killed gangland style in a Jersey City alley, knocked Art Curly Miller down in their Philly fight with the first punch he threw, then won on a sixth round TKO when Miller was unable to continue because he got resin in his eyes.

Very often I hear fighters being viciously heckled by ringsiders and wonder if one will ever leave the ring and have a go at some noisy psycho. I know of only one instance where it really happened. Charlie "Emperor" Harris did it in his fight with Charlie Chase in Montreal.

According to Tommy Miller, "The fan had been heckling Harris but he went a bit too far when he hit Harris with a missile. Harris bounded out of the ring, sending chairs flying in all directions. The spectators were treated to an unscheduled setto as the Emperor waded into his detractor to land his best punches of the evening."

Fist fights take place very often in the ring between fighters, managers, trainers and referees. One took place in Toronto between middleweight Humberto Trottman and Clyde Gray.

Trottman thought the referee was deliberately hampering his progress by cautioning him repeatedly. He thought the continuous warnings gave Gray protection from a potential beating. So he punched referee Sammy Luftspring after the sixth round. The referee, an ex-welter, hit the deck but got up and punched back to give the fans some bonus excitement.

I recall how an arbiter flattened a fighter who dared take a poke at him. One time a losing fighter took a whack at the winner because he claimed the fight was stopped prematurely.

At the Scranton CYC, local welter Tony Berrios decked Dickie DiVeronica in the tenth and final round and appeared to have him in trouble. A fan jumped into the ring and shunted Berrios aside. The ring suddenly filled with fans swinging at each other. The specials managed to prevent a battle royal, but did nothing for Berrios, who was on the verge of a KO victory. DiVeronica won by decision.

A boxing writer disciplines himself not to bum a smoke or ogle a miniskirt during fights as anything could happen at any given moment.

About two years ago, New York's Spanish Gloves amateur champs fought their Puerto Rican counterparts at Sunnyside Garden. In one of the bouts, the Puerto Rican was flattened. As his handlers looked around for the ring doctor, the potential casualty suddenly sprang to his feet, hurtled across the ring and started throwing punches at his conqueror. He had to be subdued by the specials and guys from both corners. Everything turned out OK, though. They hugged and kissed in the best interests of sportsmanship.

Any category of strange happenings in the sock market has to include a "double knockdown" bout. The last one that I know of took place in Hempstead, Long Island. Middleweights Irish Bobby Cassidy and Sonny Floyd hit the canvas in the opening round from simultaneous left hooks. Cassidy arose at three, Floyd at nine. The Irishman then blitzed his opponent for the long count at 2:37.

The loser claimed afterwards he was involved in another double knockdown fracas in May, 1969, with Manny Freitas in Hyattsville, Maryland. They dropped each other. Floyd got up, Freitas was counted out.

Australian bantam champion Paul Ferreri was far ahead after nine rounds of his fight with Filipino Sid Vicera at Melbourne. But in the final round he was flattened by the first punch thrown by his opponent.

Did the Filipino challenger score the upset of the year Down Under? The referee promptly disqualified Vicera and declared the still kneeling Ferreri the winner.

Here's how it happened: As they came out for the final round, southpaw Ferreri stuck out his right glove for the traditional handshake. Vicera knocked it down and landed a vicious right cross on the exposed chin of the Aussie.

Anybody know of a fighter who was knocked out but didn't learn about it till much later? I do not. But I recall a story told me by a small town fight manager. His prelim kid was left for dead in the second round. He and his manager left the arena and went to a nearby coffee shop. While the kid sat at the table nursing his jaw, the manager brought over two sandwiches and coffee. The kid took a sip of his coffee and asked the surprised manager: "How close was it?"

Conversely, I know a boy who was not knocked out but thought he had been.

The featherweight kid was decked in the first but got up and put up a blazing battle the rest of the way. It looked like a sure win for him. But his opponent got the nod. The storm of protest must have been recorded on the Fordham seismograph.

I dropped into the dressing room to help with a word of consolation. The kid was rocking violently with a crying jag.

"Don't say anything right now," said the manager. "He thinks he disgraced me and his friends by getting knocked out."

Loose ring ropes occasion some odd facets to ring history.

Scranton middleweight Walter Opshinsky dumped Hector Ortiz twice in the first round, then easily licked him the rest of the way. He lost one round for "not obeying instructions."

Referee Manny Gelb kept breaking both men repeatedly throughout seven rounds for no apparent reason.

The partisan crowd booed lustily because Walter O. was doing effective work inside and seemed headed for a KO victory. Gelb was hooted every round, then was treated to a final chorus of catcalls after the bout.

I watched that fight from the stands. I, too, wondered about a local referee hampering a local boy in that strange way.

Actually, Gelb did a competent job of officiating, as I learned later. What happened was this: In the previous fight a strand of rope had broken and was hastily repaired. It was still adjudged defective, so in the pre-fight conference for this fight, the referee had the two boys agree to fight away from the ropes as much as possible. He would break them everytime they neared the ropes.

However, the fighters found it impossible to comply so Gelb kept separating them with monotonous regularity. No announcement about the rope condition had been made so the fans didn't know what was going on.

In South Africa, a lightweight powder puff amateur ran up a string of knockouts.

In the finals, the officials had occasion to examine his gloves with special care. He was wearing brass knuckles.

BIGGER OHBA EYES BANTAM LAURELS

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chief reason of Ohba's expected invasion in the bantam class.

Ohba has said, "I am so eager to meet Rafael Herrera. If an opportunity given, I'll be a winner with my speed, precision and power."

Now that Masao, only 22 and ambitious, proved to be a power-socker in a kayo over Amores, the Japanese now expect his outgrowing the flyweight class. The Japanese has shown ring science, gameness and toughness in his recent 17 victories in a row.

Most of his campaigns were staged by female promoter Haru Nagano, one of the most influencial VIPs in Japan. In the near future Ring readers will see the name of Masao Ohba in the 118 pound class.

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Lewis hit the deck, and looked as if he meant to stay there.

Referee Eskin counted and counted, with all the speed of a weary grandfather's clock.

Chris Dundee said that Lewis was down for 21 seconds. This estimate was regarded as extravagant.

Eskin admitted that he had given Lewis a long count but threw the blame on Cassius, who, said the third man, imitated Jack Dempsey and refused to wander off to a neutral corner.

Eskin insisted that the necessity of going to a neutral spot had been stressed the night before the fight, and had been accepted by Clay.

It will be recollected that there was a similar agreement on the eve of the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Chicago in September, 1927.

If, as it appears, there had been a neutral corner pact in Dublin, referee Eskin is in the clear and Cassius stands accused of forgetfulness, or endowed with a spirit of compassion.

There is a belief among some of the experts that Clay is doing too much fighting and will box himself stale by the time he meets Frazier. The fight with Lewis came only three weeks after Clay had disposed of Jerry Quarry.

Clay looked good disposing of Quarry but he slipped a lot against Lewis, a far less accomplished heavy-weight than Jerry.

Cassius' quest of cash continues at a rapid pace. In between the Dublin affair and the Patterson match in New York, Clay went off on a world tour in which he showed before the fans of Barcelona, Teheran, Casablanca, and way stations.

Cassius has been keeping his weight down, as he proved when he made 217 pounds for Lewis. The Detroit man was heavy, at 223 ½.

It isn't often that Clay is bloodied. But his nose bled during the fourth round and later. He left the ring with a bruise on the side of his nose. However, in the main it was just a poor show for the Irish, whose preoccupation with boxing in view of what was going on in the North possibly was surprising. However, as they say, an Irishman always is ready for a fight.

HOW GOOD IS JOSE LUIS GARCIA?

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Thad Spencer. But Thad was more interested in girls and he never quite got there, even though he had tremendous ability. Garcia is different. I remember once after I had had him in Los Angeles working him for four or five months, he said he was homesick. He wanted to go home and get married. That's the first I heard of him having a girl friend, so, naturally, I let him go."

Ironically, one of Garcia's opponents last year was Spencer. They fought in Caracas and Garcia knocked him out in the second round.

"I didn't get any satisfaction out of it," said Ketchum. "All I could think of was what a waste of talent. I told Jose I wanted him to get it over quickly and as painlessly as possible."

Garcia has added weight steadily. For instance, when he knocked out Norton in July of 1970, he weighed 188. In his most recent appearance in this country against Roby Harris, he weighed 217 pounds. He looked a little heavy, but he was punching just as fast as ever.

Harris was on a hot streak, just having beaten Puerto Rican champion Joe Roman. For one round Harris, even taller than Garcia, at 6-6, just about held his own. But in the second round, Garcia let go his famous left hook and it caught Harris on the chin. He staggered and fell. Harris climbed to his feet, but another barrage put him down and he was through. It was not until the next day, back in Oakland, that Harris, complaining of an aching jaw, learned that it had been broken.

What the future holds for Garcia is difficult to say. Seldom has such as impressive youngster with such limited experience made such a showing early in his career. But now the time has come to find out what Garcia can do against really topflight opposition.

After the break up with Ketchum, Machado took his fighter back to Caracas. Jose's wife recently gave birth to a son and the fighter wanted to spend some time with his family. However, there are no heavyweights in Venezuela that can give Garcia a fight.

Mrs. Aileen Eaton, at the Olympic in Los Angeles, talked of putting Garcia in with former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

However, Cassius Clay, fighting once a month or more often, has indicated he would like to meet the young South American star. However, it would appear to be reaching too high, too soon for the promising heavyweight.

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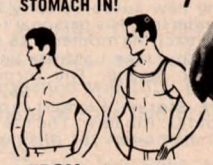

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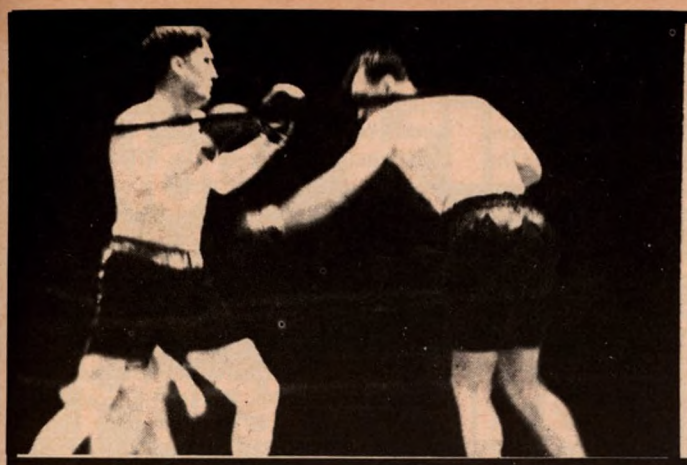

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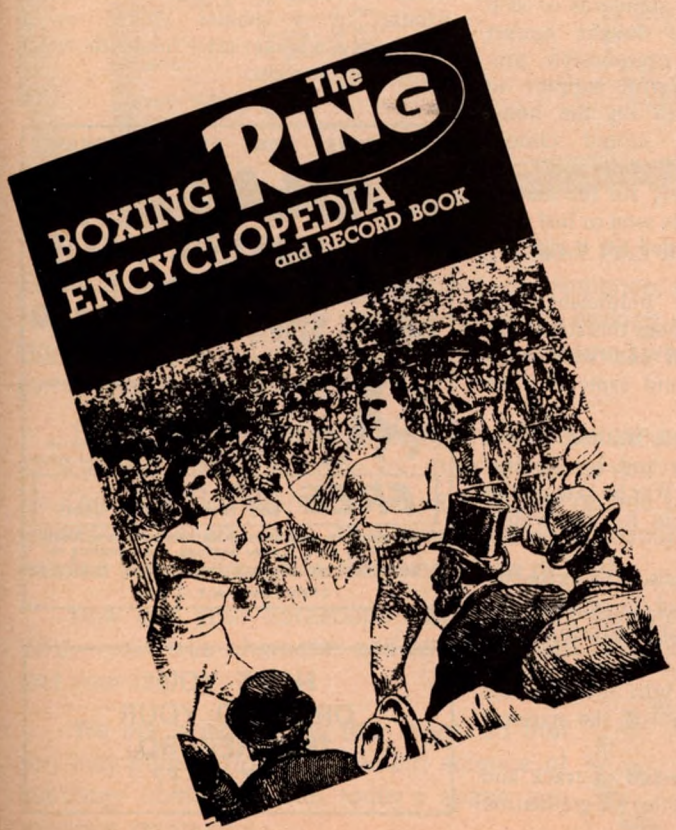

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Munsey bought the Herald and the Telegram. Fleischer was made sports editor of The Telegram and during this time he founded The Ring.

While with The Telegram, he was relieved of his job. The Scripps-Howard people had purchased the paper and had to bring in their favored sports editor and column writer Joe Williams, from the Cleveland Press. Williams was a great sports writer.

This was a blessing in disguise for Nat. He passed up several lucrative newspaper offers and decided to devote himself entirely to his magazine. He had to be game to do this.

As the years rolled along, Nat Fleischer always kept a few steps ahead of the parade and the action.

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He fought tricky politicians, the hoodlums. Twice the mugs threatened his life. He ignored them and went after them even stronger, and came out the winner.

He was honest. He was fearless. He was for God, for Country and for Boxing. During the First World War he saw service in the Army and wrote for the widely circulated Serviceman.

At City College, Fleischer's extra-curricular activities included the organization and management of that institution's first major basketball team.

Out of this entry into the big time came the development of the national championship team.

Nat also was interested in track and field as a competitor. After his graduation he contributed much to the college's library and to its alumni funds.

Fleischer was not only a good, fearless writer, with more than 50 books to his credit, but he was a fine fistic analyst and a competent referee. He officiated all over the world, with never a complaint.

Through his only offspring, his daughter Joan, he founded a splendid family. Joan married Nat Loubet, giving birth to daughters Trudy and Joanie, and son Jeff, who is a lawyer.

Fleischer married Gertrude Phillips, of Pittsburgh, who died while Nat and she were vacationing in Havana on November 20, 1949.

Mrs. Fleischer was a woman of rare culture and achievements socially and in connection with the theatre.

THE Ring thanks the more than 1,000 men and women who sent their condolences over the death of Nat Fleischer.

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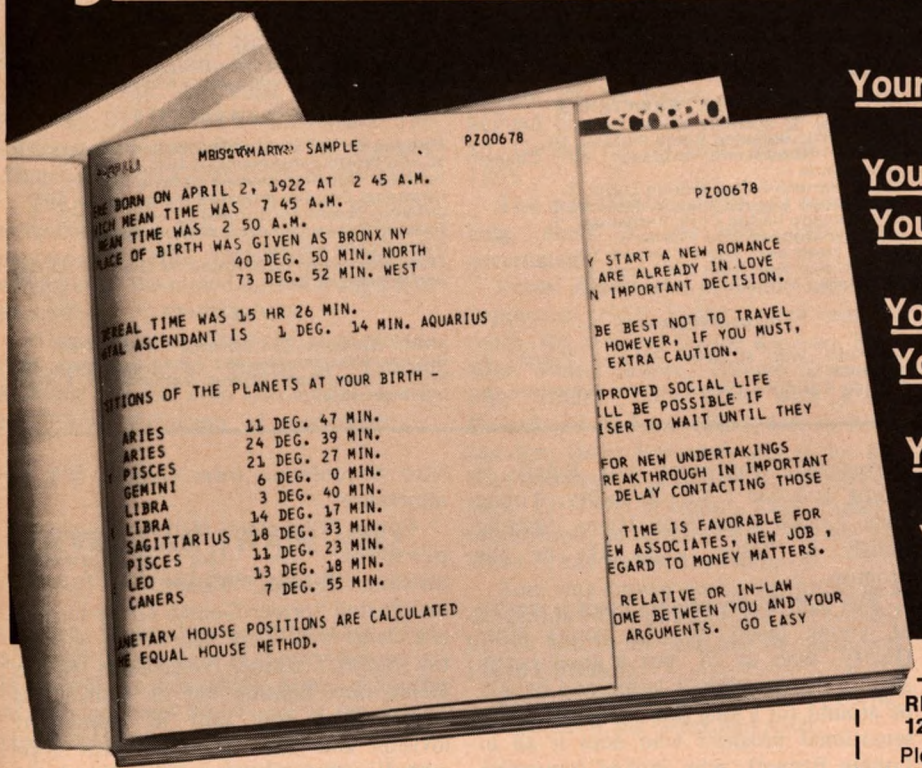

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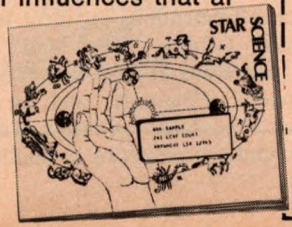

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending August 15, 1972

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cassius Clay stopped Al Lewis, 11.
Gregory Peralta lost to Ray Anderson, 10.
Joe Bugner kayoed Paul Nilsen, 2.
Ron Lyle halted Vicente Rondon, 2.
G.G. Maldonado drew with Johnny Summerville, 8.
Cleveland Williams kayoed Bob Mashburn, 9.
Danny McAlinden halted Jack Bodell, 2.
Jasper Evans stopped Marshall Parmalee, 3.
Rodney Bobick kayoed Lloyd Price, 3.
Bill Hardney halted Johnny Balla, 4.
Tommy Kost stopped George Simpson, 3.
Randy Clark outpointed Freddie "Bomber" Williams, 10.
Carl Baker decisioned Vernon McIntosh, 10.
John Conteh kayoed Johnny Mac, 2.
Jack O'Halloran stopped Vic Scott, 3.
Ken Norton halted James Woody, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Vicente Rondon kayoed by Ron Lyle, 2.
Pat O'Connor beat Hill Chambers, 10.
Lonnie Bennett kayoed Jimmy James, 3.
Len Hutchins halted Harold Carter, 5.
Vernon McIntosh stopped Florentino Fernandez, 10.
Rocky Malone drew with Mike Maret, 6.
Koroseta Kid kayoed Armando Vasquez, 6.
Hildo Silva beat Angel Baggini, 6.
Herman Hampton stopped Rocky Stagnaros, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Miguel de Olivire kayoed Francois Pano, 7.
Juan Carlos Duran defeated Jose Hernandez, 12, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Denny Moyer beat Art Davis, 10.
Bobby Watts halted Ralph Palladin, 6.
Freddie Little stopped Billy Walker, 7.
Ron Wilson kayoed Art Alderete, 8.
Yu Jae-Do beat Turtle Okabe, 12, Orient middleweight title.
Dave Thach and Tom Hanna, no contest.
John Mangun stopped Mike Reed, 6.
Roberto Bonilla beat Roberto Villanueva, 6.
King George Aidoo drew with Willie Rivera, 6.
Orlando de la Fuentr beat George Davis, 10.
Johnny Huntley decisioned Danny Kimberling, 6.
Steve Ewell kayoed John Dunn, 5.
Roy Edmonds beat Nick Peoples, 10.
Vito Antuofermo halted Jerry Caballero, 6.
Lalo Barriente beat Lonnie Travis, 5.
Ted Lidgett defeated Rich Riley, 5.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Armando Muniz kayoed Cassius Greene, 6.
Hedgemon Lewis halted Mario Marquez, 2.
Roger Menetrey stopped Jorgen Hansen, 10, E.B.U. welterweight title.
Jack Tillman kayoed Juan Ramos, 4.
Oscar Alvarado halted Demetrio Salazar, 4.
Antonio Durango stopped Hector Perez, 7.
Vito Antofuermo beat Dan Sauls, 6.
Renato Garcia outpointed Agapito Villegas, 5.
Chu Chu Malave decisioned Pat Murphy, 10.
Dario Hidalgo beat Angel Espada, 10.
Rocky Ramon kayoed Charlie Brooks, 5.
Jose Gabino outpointed Robert Williams, 10.
Reynald Cantin decisioned Donato Paduano, 12.
Georgie Mankins won from Roger Buckskin, 8.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Victor Ortiz defeated Eddie Perkins, 10.
Jimmy Robertson stopped by Chango Carmona, 8.
Miguel Barreto halted Adrian Davis, 2.
Don Sennett kayoed Glen McFadden, 1.
Ray Mercado halted Chris Fernandez, 7.
Joe Grier stopped Tito Flores, 6.
Jimmy Heair beat Jaime Campos, 10.
Ralph Coley won from Joe Lacca, 4.
Greg Potter outpointed Jose Mirnada, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Al Ford was stopped Alfonso Frazer, 5, non-title.
Chango Carmona halted Jimmy Robertson, 8.
Esteban DeJesus outpointed Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Edwin Viruet drew with Nestor Rojas, 8.
Mario Roman drew with Sim Yamabe, 10.
Dale Hernandez kayoed Rudy Valdez, 3.
Johnny Sullivan stopped Angel Lopez, 1.
Leoncio Ortiz drew with Javier Avala, 10.
Shinichi Kadota halted Juan Collado, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jose Fernandez beat Jose Luis Lopez, 12, North American Junior Lightweight Title.
William Martinez kayoed Leo Campbell, 2.
Frankie Crawford halted Rodolfo Lobato, 10.
Ben Villaflor kayoed Chris Fernandez, 3, Non-Title.
Moi Sanchez beat Ricky Farris, 6.
Arturo Pineda halted Speedy Naldo, 2.
John Lujan stopped Ricardo Valenzuela, 1.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eder Jofre kayoed Jose Bisbal, 2.
Walter Seeley beat David Vasquez, 10.
Urbano Davila halted Masahito Takahashi, 7.
David Sotelo kayoed Shig Fukuyama, 8.
Ron McGarvey stopped Jose Ortiz, 4.
Ray Hall drew with Billy Bell, 4.
Bobby Chacon kayoed Jesus Robles, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Enrique Pinder outpointed Rapael Herrera, 15, to win World bantamweight title.
Rodolfo Martinez kayoed Octavio Gomez, 7.
Chartchai Chionoi defeated Masao Obha, 10.
Ortemio Jeronimo stopped Thomas Huerta, 3.
Frankie Granados beat Juanito Lopez, 6.
Tony Rocha kayoed Tony Tobias, 3.
Hong Soo-Hwan outpointed Al Diaz, 12, Orient bantamweight title.

FLYWEIGHTS

Masao Obha lost to Chartchai Chionoi, 10.
Susumu Hanagata kayoed Takeo Sukegawa, 2.
Fritz Chervet beat Andres Romero, 15, E.B.U. flyweight title.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

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hotel. . .He carries these stacks of postcards every place, even to breakfast, where between gulps of coffee he asks, "Hey Bob, got your press list with you? We can write out a few cards.". . .Angelo has probably made more good friends around the globe than anyone in sports. . .He is truly boxing's "International Ambassador".

Through recent travels, we have seen some truly fine young boxing talent that should be heard from. The hope here is that they all get ample opportunity to develop their skills. . .You already know about heavyweights Ron Lyle and Ernie Shavers, both running up a string of kayoes. They are both strong young contenders who will have to be reckoned with. . .Roberto Lovell, a heavyweight from Argentina now fighting for Willie Ketchum in California, looks like a good prospect. . .Jeff Merritt, former New Yorker now living in Florida, could go all the way if he ever decides to concentrate on boxing in a serious manner. . .Randy Neumann, from Cliffside Park, N.J. has savvy and moxie and could be a serious threat. . .The only knock coming from boxing buffs is that Randy doesn't punch as well as he should to be a serious heaveweight contender but Randy is young and has a lot of ability. Young Obie English from New Jersey, fighting mostly in Philly, looks like he has promise.

The light heavyweights boast a wealth of young talent, led by young Mike Quarry, who at 21, put a good battle against Foster while it lasted and he will be around for a long time. . .Nevada has a sensational prospect who does it all in Lonnie Bennett, who looked impressive knocking out heavyweight Aaron Eastling. . .Rochester, Minn. boasts a young contender in good looking Pat O'Connor, who is undefeated in his 30 pro fights. . .Vernon McIntosh, a tough youngster from Miami can mix it with the best. . .Richie Kates of New Jersey, looks like a real comer. . .Philadelphia's Eddie Duncan also has a lot going for him. . .The middleweight division is loaded, with Philadelphia's hard hitters leading the list with Willie "The Worm" Monroe, KO artist Eugene "Sugar" Hart, and Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts. . .Also to be reckoned with will be tough Tony Licata, a tremendous prospect from New Orleans, Johnny "The Mad" Baldwin from Houston, Texas, New York's Roy "Smokey" Edmonds, and an exciting young Frenchman, Gratien Tonna. . .A rough undefeated young jr. middleweight, Vito Antuofermo from Queens, N.Y. is impressive.

Edwin "Chu Chu" Malave is a colorful prospect in the welterweight division. . .Edwin Viruet, a young undefeated former Golden Glove champ, is a classy New York lightweight with all the moves. . .Rough Venezuelan Nestor Rojas, now fighting out of Tampa, has come along real well in lightweight division and just fought a recent draw with Viruet (we thought Rojas deserved the nod but that's what makes good matches—controversy). .Chuck Wilburn, a Cleveland, Ohio lightweight, is very promising and hooks off a jab a la Sugar Ray. . .The jr. lightweights also have a great wealth of youthful talent with Jose Fernandez, a Dominican who now lives in New York, just winning the North American jr. lightweight title from Jose Luis Lopez of Mexico, another talent. . .Also well known but still young in the division are Trenton, New Jersey's Sammy Goss and Miami's flashy Frankie Otero. . .New York's Davey Vasquez, a promising 118-pounder, just made his California debut. . .A solid young action feather who can do it all, is former Golden Glove champ, Eduardo Santiago. . .These are just a few names who you should be hearing more from that have impressed in person.

FLOYD TAKES ANOTHER STEP ON WAY TO CLAY FIGHT

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now, more confident and always keeps himself in top physical condition. But Clay is another matter. He's not the type that's going to wait for Floyd to jump in on him. Cassius is going to try to maneuver Floyd into fighting his kind of fight as he does with everybody.

A man with Patterson's determination has to be taken seriously and if Clay doesn't, he might be the one who is surprised. Floyd is going into the Clay battle without a definite plan in mind. Sometimes that's the best way to handle things. Let nature take its course and exploit what weaknesses may show up. Of course, Clay is no Agosto, but, then again, Patterson is no Al (Blue) Lewis, either.

As for the rest of the Singer Bowl card: Benny Huertas and Saoul Mamby, both 138, fought to a spirited 10-round draw in the semi-final while John Clohessy, 215, halted Tommy Clark, 186 in four; and Jose Resto, 132, stopped Ahmet Tosci, 127, at 2:13 of the third.

The promoter, Steve Brown, gave the attendance as 6,280 with no gate figures announced. But unofficial ringside estimates of the crowd ranged from 3,000 to 5,000.

It was a far cry from the huge crowds that swarmed to fights at Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds to watch the Floyd Patterson of yesteryear.

NEVER CAN TWAIN MEET

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Dave Levin laments the fact that although 75 per cent of the top boxers in the world are non-white, none of South Africa's coloured boxers are in the world rankings at the moment.

The separate development laws, besides preventing white participation, also make it impossible for black and white boxers to meet each other in South Africa.

The only way a promoter can stage a multi-racial card is to take his boxers over the border, to one of the three ex-protectorates, or to Mozambique.

But since the Boxing Board is not exactly in favour of such fights, few promoters are willing to organize them.

The last multi-racial contest featuring champions was the featherweight clash between Morodi and Arnold Taylor, the white champion, in the Lesotho capital of Maseru four years ago.

As long as mixed boxing remains out of bounds in South Africa, Miller is all in favour of black fights being placed on the same bills as white contests.

"This is the way tournaments were arranged in the early days of boxing in the southern United States. If the system were applied here, fans would be able to compare the merits of the different champions," he says.

ZORA FOLLEY, 1932-1972

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in Cleveland, New York, Houston, the West Coast and Germany. Folley had nine contests, winning eight and drawing in one to Karl Mildenberger. He defeated George Chuvalo, Gerhard Zeck, Oscar Bonavena, Bob Foster and Henry Clark.

Finally the night for which he had been waiting for 14 years arrived, a shot at Cassius Clay for the world heavyweight crown. But at age of 34 his best years were behind him and he was only a shadow of his former self. Clay easily kayoed him in seven rounds at Madison Sq. Garden on the night of March 22, 1967.

This was Clay's last defense before his long court battle with the U.S. government.

From September, 1967, through September, 1970, Folley boxed only 10 times. He defeated Wayne Kindred, Nick Sosa, Sonny Moore, Tommy Sims and Billy Joiner. Zora drew with Roger Russell and Al Jones (Fla.), lost to Brian London, Oscar Bonavena and in his last bout was kayoed in one by Mac Foster on Sept. 29, 1970 in Fresno, Calif. Folley's career totals as follows: won 79, lost 11, draws 5, kayoes 44, kayoed by 7.

Zora was known during his prime as a dangerous boxer-puncher. He was avoided by the best in his class and by champion Floyd Patterson.

Zora is survived by his widow, Joella, nine children, his father and sister.

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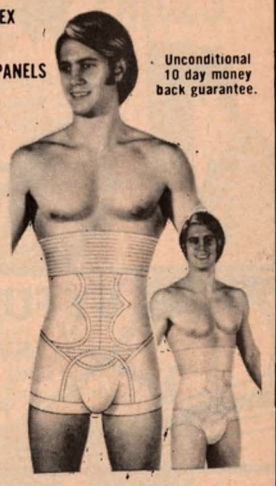

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was active, as a featherweight, from 1920 to 1932. Billy Gibson was his manager and Whitey Bimstein his trainer. . .Among name fighters of yesterday whom he met were Jack 'Kid' Bernstein, Sammy Dorfman, Lew Kirsch and Young Zazzarino. Was with the New York Park Department until he retired four years ago.

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A smashing turnout is expected to be present at the Fourth Annual New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner on Sept. 24th at Diamond Jim's in Matawan, N.J. Everything pointed to a huge success. Adrian Bailey, Founder, and his committees went all out to make this their most successful shindig.

Topping the guests of honor, "Jersey" Joe Walcott. Only New Jersey fighters are eligible. Others being honored, K.O. Phil Kaplan, Tippy Larkin, Owen McCabe (Young Rector), Mickey Breitkoff (Mickey Fox), Joey Harrison and Johnny "Kid" Alberts.

Awards posthumously to Benny Cohen, of Orange, Joe Biondi, Pinkey Burns of Paterson, Louis Fass (Kid Lenox), Mickey Donley of Newark, Joey Eulo of Lyndhurst, Harvey Crosby, Sr. of Union City, Hughie Boyle and Tony Benden of Elizabeth, Oscar "Kid" Sokolow, of Union City, Phil Dorn of Jersey City and Tiger Johnny Cline, who was born in Hoboken and passed away in California.

Bailey, founder of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, was confident that this affair would eclipse their previous efforts. We've attended several of them and everyone was looking forward to seeing that 1972 was the best ever.

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Jack Dempsey recently received felicitations upon achieving his 77th birthday. Jack's spot was besieged by well wishers from the sports and theatrical world upon reaching another milestone. He looks wonderful.

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Correspondents ask, "Where is Charley Rosen?" Our reliable pal from Livingston Manor, N.Y.,. Johnny Brannigan, who always is close to the veterans, filled us in about Rosen, who is living in retirement with his wife in Livingston Manor, and would like to hear from his old friends.

Rosen, who is 66, boxed pro for seven years after three amateur bouts. His manager was Abe Katz and his trainer was an old friend of mine, who was with Gene Tunney, Lou Fink. Rosen was a boxing judge for 25 years from 1944 to 1969. Charley has a married daughter and a son, David. Daughter is married to Max Schwartz who owns all the school buses in the Maner.

Rosen started as a featherweight, finished as a welter and boxed a few middleweights, including Ben Jeby and Joe Dundee. Others whom he tangled with were Paul Doyle, Andy Divodi, Paul Gulotta and Ruby Stein. Met and beat Lucien Vinez, European lightweight champ, and boxed the late Benny Gould, Canadian king. He lost a close one to Baby Joe Gans in Los Angeles and also met Juan Bieza, the Chilean champ.

Rosen was a prankster. The late Bill McGeehan wrote some yarns about the idoes Charley cut up when he was at Gene Tunney's camp. A happy go lucky kid, Rosen kept things going with his frivolities.

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Thanks to Johnny Shevalla, Shenandoah, Pa., for informing us of the demise of Stan Koval, who launched his boxing career in 1919 as a welterweight. Stan hung up the gloves in 1928 and went to work at Maple Hill Colliery as a contract miner. In 1970, Koval was honored by the National Veterans Boxers Association and the Lehigh Valley Old-Time Boxers Association. Surviving Stan are his wife Martha and two daughters, Joan and Roseann.

Shevalla, who is a free lance sports columnist, also reminded us that his late friend, Stan, once helped train Joe Frazier in the P.A.L. in Philadelphia and participated as an active boxer from 1918 to 1928.

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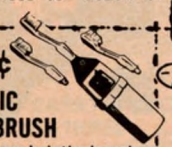

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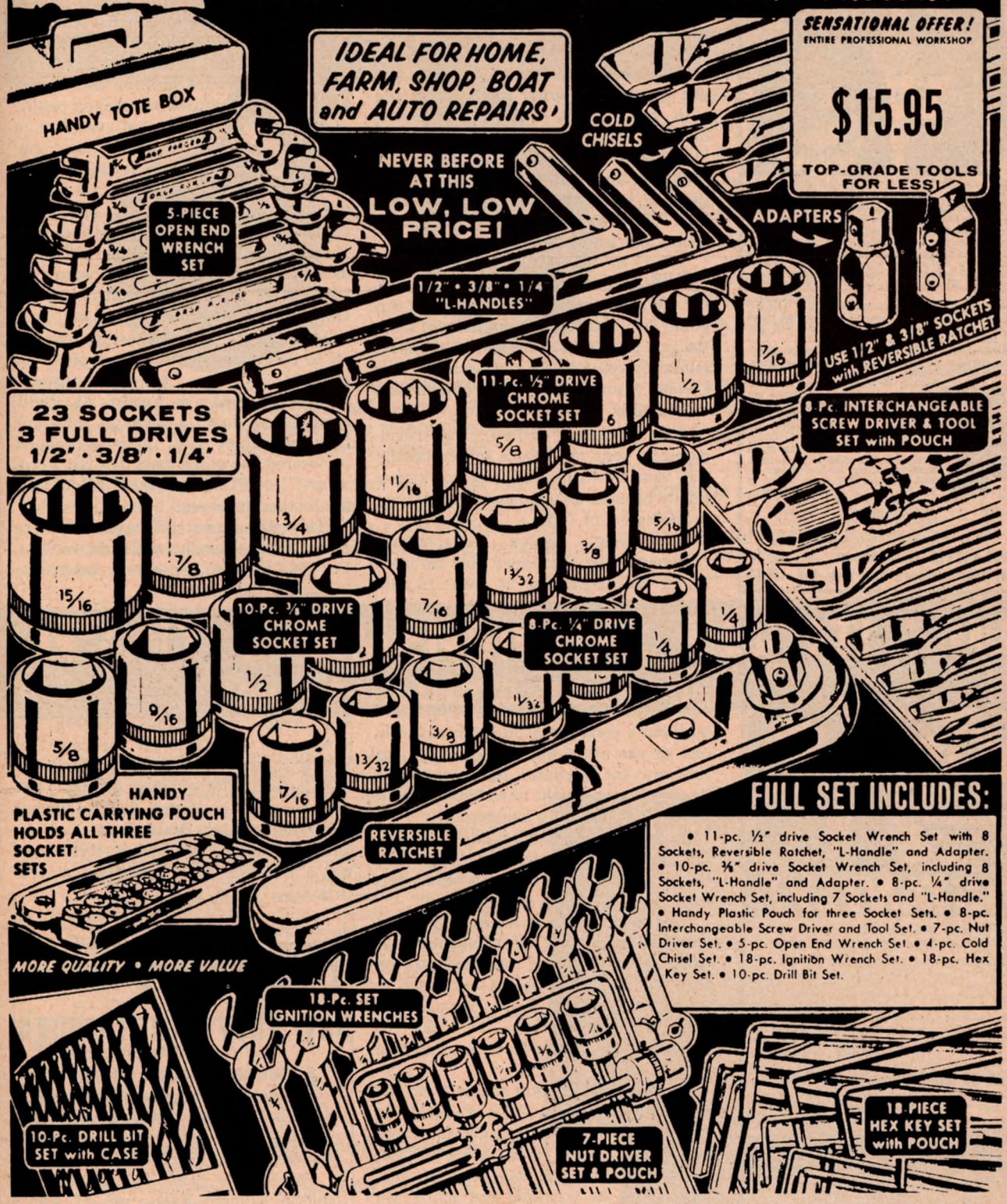

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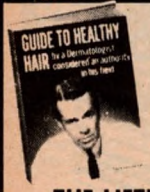

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WAS BOLD BENDIGO DIRTIEST FIGHTER OF 'EM ALL?

(Continued from page 27)

Bendigo's fame spread. A race horse was named for him. The gold-mining town of Sandhurst, in Australia, proudly changed its name to Bendigo. A distiller put on the market a liqueur called Bendigo.

The ingredients were not revealed. But one newspaper writer went on record with this remark: "There are several liquids I would rather drink, at least one . . .is unmentionable."

Caunt, unable to tolerate the fact that Bendigo held the title, hurled challenge after challenge at him. Bendigo fought others, but ignored Caunt.

Then, in the early 1840's, Bendigo injured his knee while turning somersaults for the amusement of his friends. At this point, he announced his retirement from the ring and devoted himself to whiskey, reminiscences and the management of a London tavern which he had bought with his winnings.

With Bendigo retired, the championship went by default and eventually was won by Caunt. His repeated taunts finally brought Bendigo out of retirement in September of 1845.

The fight created extraordinary excitement and the crowd that gathered for it was estimated at over 10,000. Because the police were determined to prevent the fight, the ring was moved three times.

It proved one of the most scandalous brawls in boxing history. Both men committed every known foul and invented a good many others. Frequently one or the other was tossed out of the ring onto the ringsiders. Again and again, Bendigo's gang sought to bludgeon Caunt, missing him only by a hairsbreadth.

In the 93rd round, after two hours and ten minutes, the referee declared that Caunt went down without a blow, thus forfeiting the fight to Bendigo.

The scandal of it all kept London clubmen in a state of excitement for weeks. Nevertheless, it is generally agreed that this disgraceful match had much to do with the reforms in the '50s and '60s that sent boxing on the road to respectability and made it once more a favorite sport.

Bendigo permanently retired from the ring after defeating Tom Paddock in 1850. He returned to Nottingham where his acrobatic feats, even in his old age, were remarkable and delighted children, with whom he was kind and gentle. He spent his sober moments gardening and fishing. But when drinking, he would hurl the first object that came to hand at whomever he thought had offended him.

On one such occasion, he completely wrecked a butcher shop, hurling steaks and chops at the jeering crowd. Again and again, he was called up before the court, and he never failed to bring as a peace offering a bouquet of the flowers he grew when he was sober.

An egocentric braggart, Bendigo oddly refused to discuss feats about which he could have boasted with reason, such as the three separate occasions when he saved persons from drowning at the risk of his own life. When the townsfolk proposed to reward him for his courage, he indignantly refused to accept a penny.

Bendigo spent his last years as a traveling revivalist lecturing on temperance. While his new vocation might have fired him spiritually, it didn't quench his thirst. Whiskey made him eloquent in the cause of prohibition.

He invariably downed a pint before he mounted the rostrum to warn his audience of the horrors of strong drink. On one occasion, he collapsed in a drunken coma while exhorting one and all to come forward and sign a pledge of sobriety.

Bendigo died on August 23, 1880, after falling down a flight of steps and fracturing three ribs. A bony splinter perforated one of his lungs. His last words were: "I don't mind dying. I'll soon join my mother in heaven."

The odds against this appeared to be rather better than his usual six to four. For this time no gangs were present to intimidate the referee.

THE CHATTER BOX

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Ridge. . .Washington, D.C. promoters Paul Tibbs and Dennis Simpson are looking for a suitable site for their Fall boxing shows. . .Veteran boxing manager Joe Garfield now summers in New York and winters in Miami Beach. . .Pappy Gault has stepson Herbie Lee ready to return to action. Lee's most recent bout was a win over Roy Barrientos in New Orleans.

J. Quarry and Rudkin Say They Are Through

AS this issue of The Ring went to press, Jerry Quarry, prominent heavyweight, and Alan Rudkin, of England, once great bantam, announced their retirement.

From Chile came the word that Quintin Romero Rojas, age 79, who stopped Jack Sharkey early in the future world champion's career, had died.

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BUDDY BOGGS' STREAK ● ENDED BY TILLMAN IN 2 ●

By JOE POODLES, SR.

BALTIMORE, MD. — Buddy Boggs, local welterweight who had won 13 straight, was stopped by Jack Tillman, Mobile, who scored a second round TKO.

The tall Southerner scored four offical knockdowns and one that referee Terry Moore ruled a slip.

Tillman looked like a smooth operator. The fans went wild over the manner in which Tillman went about demolishing Boggs, who looked helpless.

Moore came to Boggs' rescue after Buddy's two trips to the canvas in the second round, that found Boggs reeling. Moore could have stopped the bout in the first heat when Boggs was dropped three times only to rule that the first knockdown was a slip.

Boggs was named the 10th ranked welter by The Ring after whipping Percy Pughs twice.

Ralph Palladin, Baltimore junior middleweight, was stopped in the sixth round by Bobby Bugaloo Watts, of Philadelphia. This was their third meeting, Watts beat Ralph and fought him a draw in two outings in Scranton. The officials had Watts ahead when Palladin suffered cuts around the eye and nose that left him a gory mess.

Referee Tom Kelly decided that Palladin had enough even though the commission doctor ruled that he could continue. It could have been that Palladin signaled the referee to stop it, Palladin went into Watts' corner and raised his opponent's hand in victory.

Wild Bill Hardney, 181¼, scored a four round TKO over Johnny Balla of New Orleans. after a wild bout. Hardney has now scored seven straight kayoes in Baltimore and is the big favorite.

Balla came in nearly 13 pounds heavier than his foe, but this advantage did him no good as Hardney just about hit him with everything in the book, besides patting him on the head and kissing him.

Ronnie McGarvey tkoed Jose Ortiz, Scranton, in the 4th round. Ray Hall, Scranton, boxed Billy Bell, Washington, a draw in a featherweight bout.

DANIELS NO MATCH FOR ● McGILL AT CHARLESTON ●

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

CHARLESTON, WEST VA. — At the Charleston Arena, the card was made up of two professional and five amateur bouts. The bouts resulted in upsets. In the top ten rounder, Sam McGill, Wilkensburg, Pa., came in as a twenty-four hour sub for Blue Lewis to box Terry Daniels of Dallas. McGill won 8 of the ten rounds and was in command all the way.

Daniels (193) was outclassed but tried hard to make a fight of it. The smooth boxing McGill went the 10 round distance for the first time in his career. He is now 12-1-1.

In the companion ten-rounder, the sensational Casey Gacic (168, Parma, Ohio) outpointed Joe Cokes (175, Dallas). After the second round, which saw Cokes at his best, Gacic took over and won going away.

▲**At Lima, Ohio** Rufus Brassell (Lima, 201) TKO'd Charley Jordan (200, Detroit) in the 6th round. Morris Jordan (152, Dayton) drew with Sammy Maul (146, Dayton) in 6 rounds.

▲Nat Brisker, Akron official, passed away recently.

▲Bobby Haymon, Cleveland welterweight, is now managed by Dominick Poliafico, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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RAMON'S JUNIOR MIDDLE CROWN VICTORY FEATURES BOXING IN AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney Australia: Charkey Ramon (154), touted as a coming champion since I first saw him in a four-round bout, won the Australian junior-middleweight championship by knocking out the defending champion Paul Lovi (152) in the third round, at Kingsford. The auditorium was packed, with extra chairs on the stage and in the aisles.

Ramon won the first two rounds. In the third he swayed back from a left hook, came in fast with a right to the jaw, and followed with a left hook. Lovi went down flat on his back. As referee, I knelt alongside him and shouted the count two inches from his ear, but it was half a minute before Lovi opened his eyes.

After the fight Lovi said, "It's better to be knocked out by a champion like Charkey than by a mug."

Right now Ramon is after Koichi Wajima for the world junior-middleweight title.

There is a lot of the reputed Les Darcy in this boy Charkey Ramon.

▲ Stylish Hector Thompson (138½), Australian junior-welter champion, had a good points win over Ghana's Joe Tetteh (139) at Brisbane. Thompson could be knocking at the door of the world junior-welter champion next year.

▲ At the same venue two weeks later Hector Thompson, surprisingly light at 135, stopped New Zealander Ali Afakasi (138) in the last round of a ten. Hec wasn't as sharp in this bout but he was too good for Afakasi.

▲ At North Sydney, Mick Heafey (126¾) defeated Bricky Squire (129¾) when referee Jimmy Carruthers disqualified Squire for shouldering in the eighth round. Squire is a brother of Charkey Ramon. Their real surname is Ballard.

▲ At Melbourne, Englishman Mick Cain (157) out-thought Fred Etuati (161), Samoan now living in Australia. Cain is not as good as he was but he can tie up and outfiddle a lot of fighters, and that's what he did with Fred, although there was little in the points at the finish.

The fight of the night on the Cain-Etuati bill was the eight-rounder between Andy Broome (129¾) and Brazilian switch-hitter Miguel Araujo (129¾). Araujo got Broome into all sorts of trouble at times but the Aussie southpaw displayed the class of a champion in quickly getting out of trouble and taking charge seconds later. Broome won on points.

▲ At the same venue, July 3, Miguel Araujo (130) upended Mick Heafey (127) in the third round of a ten. Heafey made the mistake of slugging with the Brazilian who proved to be tougher than Mick.

In the eight-round support, Andy Broome (129) outpointed Englishman Tony Cunningham (129). Seems strange that Broome, conqueror of Araujo, would fight in a support to him. Broome, too, has jumped over Heafey in the Australian ratings.

▲ Australian featherweight champion Lucky Gattellari (126¼) was much too good for Roger Carroll (126) in their non-title go at North Sydney Leagues Club. Carroll showed courage but Gattellari dominated the action and stopped Carroll in the seventh round.

▲ Sione Sani (158), Tongan now domiciled in Australia, had a lucky win over Englishman Dick Duffy (157¾) at Frankston, Victoria. Ahead on points, Duffy suffered a cut eye and was stopped because of it in the eighth round. Referee was former world featherweight champion Johnny Famechon. Bill Long promoted.

▲ Australian and British Commonwealth flyweight champion Henry Nissen (113) is several classes above Frenchman Gerard Macraes, (113¾) as revealed in their meeting at Melbourne Festival Hall. Nissen was a mile in front coming into the third round, and he was only in second gear. Then he opened up and knocked Macraes to the floor. After conferring with the Frenchman, referee Terry Reilly stopped the fight and crowned Nissen. The Australian champion is far too good for second-raters. He would give the world champion a busy night.

▲ Rising Johnny Phillips (142) had to rise off the floor in the second round of the main-event eight against South Australian Alan Aldenhoven (142) at Kingsford. Phillips stalled, swayed and smothered for the remaining seconds of the round, then changed his tactics from the third on, darting in to score to head and body, then departing the scene while the much taller Aldenhoven tried to nail him again. A good fight with Phillips coming home a points winner over a tiring Aldenhoven.

▲ At the same locale Big Jim West (114) and Fred Burns (117) threw more punches in eight rounds than you see in two normal fights. It was an exciting battle with Burns gaining a split points win.

▲ One week earlier at the Juniors, Martin Ross (138) edged out Ceddy McGrady (134) in an exciting eight. This club undoubtedly features the best fights — consistently — in Australia, many times without big names. This is a tribute to matchmaker Bernie Hall.

▲ At the Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon, in the State of Victoria, David "Deadly" Poison (127), of Ghana, outpointed Aussie Alan Pressnell (128) in a good ten.

▲ One week later David Poison (139½) fought a bruising fight with Aussie Ted Bonner (131¾). Jimmy Carruthers stopped the fight with seconds to go in the last round after Bonner hit the deck for the second time in the round. Venue was Redfern.

▲ Two weeks after that at the same club, Poison (130) was in action again, this time as a loser. Winner was Aussie Rex Downward (131½). It was a hard battle (Downward always makes it that way), with Poison showing the more skill, but Downward landed the more punches and won on points over ten.

▲ Making a comeback after 20 months, unbeaten Jim Brown (163) outpointed Dick Blair (172) at Kingsford. Win was clear in a surprisingly good bout.

▲ Two tens headed the bill at Redfern, Ralph Opetaia (174) of New Zealand, had a clear points win over Aussie Steve Cansdell (174), while in the other Semisone Ngata (165) of Tonga stopped Teme Time (160½) in the 10th round. On the Downward-Poison bill the two winners of the above double bill met in an eight-rounder, with Ngata (173) halting Opetaia (174½) in the eighth round. Seems to be becoming a habit with Ngata to score KOs in the last scheduled round.

▲ Paul Moore (147) was given an easy one at Redfern. Tommy Wells (146), a good fighter in his own class, is several classes below Moore. Jimmy Carruthers stopped it in the eighth.

▲ Two weeks later, at the same club, Battling Lavasa (159¾) hit too hard for Sione Sani (157), halting him in the 8th round.

▲ Aussie lightweight Billy O'Connor (133¾) didn't look as good as usual in narrowly outpointing New Zealander Ron Carstairs (134) over ten at Melbourne.

▲ At Marrickville Alan Pressnell (134) halted comeback John Batty (129¼) in the last round of a ten. Batty was too methodical, Pressnell too fast.

▲ Barry Black (156), who used to box as Barry Watson, discovered that a knee can make a lot of difference in a fight. Barry was ahead on points over unbeaten Jim Brown (161) coming into the last round of a ten at Cardiff when he lifted his knee into Brown's body. Referee Joe Keegan immediately disqualified Black.

▲ At Wagga Wagga Mick Banks (126) held Willie Leslie (126) to a draw over ten rounds. At Corrimal Leagues Club, July 11, Greg Badman (136) KO 3 Glen Maybury (146).

▲ At the Olympic Theatre, Leederville, Western Australia, Pat Green (139¼), amateur light-welter champion of Australia, turned pro to outpoint Austin Fades (131) over eight rounds.

▲ Nino Pellizzaro (196) was much better conditioned than Barry Christian (209), and after trailing on points, caught up with Christian to halt him in the fifth round. Venue was Cronulla.

▲ John Wooden (178) halted declining Frank Graham (175) in the seventh round at Riverwood.

▲ At Geelong, Bobby Stephenson (150) drew with Darryl Smith (154) in a good eight.

▲ Australian bantamweight champion Paul Ferreri (116¾) again proved that he stands head and shoulders over the rest of our bantams in outclassing his number two contender, Jim Bowen, (115), over 15 rounds at Marrickville RSL Club. Ferreri had to adopt a role unfamiliar to him: he had to do the chasing. Bowen took two counts — one in the 12th, the other in the 13th.

Ferreri undoubtedly is world class. All efforts should be made to get him a Commonwealth title fight against Alan Rudkin, if Alan doesn't return.

Australia has another world class boxer in our junior-welter champ Hector Thompson. Hec would have a good chance against the world champion of his division right now.

Recently at Brisbane Festival Hall, Thompson (137) was far superior to Filipino Hernani Apatan (138), reducing the latter to fistic impotence by the 10th round when the fight was stopped in Thompson's favour.

▲ As this writer has stated several times before, Australia's outstanding prospect is Charkey Ramon, a junior-middleweight. Not up to world rating standard yet, he will be knocking on the door in 1973.

Coming in heavy at 159 after a short spell, Ramon had a coasting win over former Australian middleweight champion Dick Blair (168) at South Sydney Junior League Club, Kingsford. Ramon won every round.

▲ Two weeks later, at the same club, Charkey Ramon, scaling his correct weight, 154, was in devastating mood against Dave Clarke (149).

Looking every inch a champion, he dominated the action, culminating in dumping Clarke with two punches in the third round. Clarke was gray, so I, as referee, stopped the fight immediately.

Clarke regained his feet several seconds later and shouted that he wanted to continue. But he was incoherent and held the ropes for support. Ramon has a lot of Les Darcy in his make-up.

▲ Englishman Mick Cain (155) who impressed on his previous visit to Australia when he appeared, with comfort, to beat New Zealander Kahu Mahanga, only to see the referee crown Kahu, had his revenge. The crossed gloves with Mahanga (161¾) at Melbourne Festival Hall. Cain won on points, doing a good job of professional fighting.

▲ Australian junior-lightweight Sonny Bell (130) had a good points win over southpaw counterpart Terry Tears, who came in heavy at 132½ at Redfern. In the other ten Tongan, now living in Australia, Sione Sani (152½), outpointed Aussie Errol McIvor, (160½).

▲ Eight nights later Sione Sani (157) had a good win on points over English migrant Dick Duffy (160) at Thebarton Town Hall, South Australia. Sani gained the edge over the last few rounds. In an eight Colin Cassidy (137) comfortably outpointed Ceddy McGrady (135½).

▲ At Melbourne Festival Hall, South Australian lightweight Colin Cassidy (134½) looked good in easily outpointing Filipino Roberto Despi (132¾), but Despi did not reveal much class. Ten rounds.

▲ New Zealand lightweight Manny Santos (135¾), always worth watching for his stylish and crisp boxing, had his patience — and the patience of the fans — tried when opposed to clutching Italian Enzo Pizzoni (135½) who came here with an unbeaten record.

He leaves with his record shattered, and we don't care if we never see him again. Santos tried hard but even he could not make this one interesting. Pizzoni was warned time without number for holding and hitting behind the neck.

Referee Terry Reilly revealed a great deal of patience, probably because he preferred the Italian to be beaten on points than a foul. Santos won easily enough. Venue was Melbourne Festival Hall.

In eight-round supports Andy Broome (131) boxed well in easily outpointing dark African David Poison (127), and Colin Cassidy (138) outpointed Stephen Dale (138).

▲ Rising Aussie light-heavy Tami Thomas (170) received his biggest test to date when he encountered New Zealander Ralph Opetaia (176) at Austinmer. He ran into a bit of trouble in the form of two knockdowns, but he came back well to protest his unbeaten record with a draw.

▲ Improving Johnny Phillips (142) had a comfortable points win over Ian Looker (146) at Kingsford. Johnny should be tangling with the top ones in Australia soon, after a few more bouts.

▲ At Redfern, Ian Looker (148) was over-matched by being placed in with Paul Moore (147), number two contender for the Australian welter title. Moore stopped Looker in the fifth round.

▲ It was a good main-event at Melbourne Festival Hall, when two of Australia's most promising junior-middles met. Kevin Ross (148¼) had to survive two knockdowns against Michael Karpaney (149), but I thought he just got there. Referee Terry Reilly thought otherwise and crowned Karpaney. There wasn't much in it either way.

▲ Lightweight Peter Cairney recently turned trainer, and evidently with the idea of promoting his training, he promoted a fight between himself and Greg Badman at Woonona RSL Club and billed it for "the lightweight championship of the South Coast of New South Wales and the Southern Tablelands." A belt was donated for the winner. Would look nice on the wall of the gym. Badman, the underdog, didn't read the script! He decked Cairney twice on the way to a points victory! So now the belt reposes in Badman's bedroom. That's being a real Badman!

▲ While on the unusual, Australia's biggest draw of the moment, Tony Mundine, who holds the Australian middleweight and heavyweight titles, as well as the Commonwealth middleweight championship, found out something when he applied for a visa to go to France to see the Monzon-Bouttier world title fight. Tony discovered that he is a year younger than he thought he was!

On June 10 last year he had a party to celebrate his 21st birthday. Actually it was only his 20th, his 21st being this year, just a few days after discovering the truth about his age.

This, of course, makes it even more meritorious in knocking out Bunny Sterling and reaching world rating as a middleweight.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Martinez Once Again Shows Top Class In KO Of Gomez

By DON FRASER

RODOLOFO MARTINEZ

INGLEWOOD—Rodolfo Martinez displayed the talent that has earned him the Ring's no. 1 bantamweight rating.

Martinez, 117½, also captured the vacant North American bantam lead by overhauling Famoso Gomez, 117, in the seventh round of their scheduled 12-rounder at the Forum.

Gomez had built up an early lead, scoring with body punches, but the cool youngster from Mexico City just waited for the right opportunity.

It came early in the seventh and Martinez dropped Gomez for the full count with a neat right to the chin. He set up Famoso for the knockout with several powerful left hooks.

In companion tens, Irish Frankie Crawford, 131, North Hollywood, was hard pressed to gain a split decision over Rodolfo Labato, 130½, Juarez, Mexico.

Irish James Heair, 137, Ingacio, Colo., recovered from a first round knockdown, to take a unanimous decision over Jamie Campos, 135, Sonora, Mex.

Bobby Chacon, 126½, San Fernando, disposed of Jesus Robles, 128, San Jose, in the second round of their scheduled six.

The gate was $33,700, contributed by 5100 fans.

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Local favorite Ken Norton, 209, hooked up with the veteran James J. Woody, 197, New York, in a return engagement at the Coliseum.

In their first go around, Norton had to hustle to gain a decision win. This time, he gave Woody a good pasting. The match was halted in the seventh with Woody cut over the right eye.

▲**SAN DIEGO**—California heavyweight champion Henry Clark had the boxing finesse and as a result, he was too crafty for Jack (The Giant) O'Halloran in their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

Clark won seven out of the ten rounds to grab off a unanimous decision. The San Francisco heavy weighed 215, O'Halloran, now living in San Diego, 238½.

The gate was $11,537, best in years in San Diego.

David Love, 157, San Diego, KO over Nick Garcia, 156, National City, (2); Miguel Mayon, 130, Mexico, decisioned Waymon Young, 129, Los Angeles, (6); Alfonso Taylor, 132, Baltimore, decision over David Ibarra, 139, San Diego, (4).

▲**STOCKTON**—Alvaro Lopez, 172, Stockton, was a flashy knockout winner over Cisco Solorio, 172, Oakland, in one of three main events at the Auditorium. The end came in sixth.

Frankie Cabanig, 121, Manila, P.I., outscored Mosco Amador, 121, Los Angeles, in their 10-rounder. Roger Buckskin, 146½, Fresno, dec. over John Pinedo, 148½, Fresno, (8).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Young Mario Roman, 132, Mexico City, kept his unbeaten record intact by holding Japan's Buzzsaw Yamabe, 130, to a 10 round draw at Olympic.

It was one of those slugfests, which first saw the Japanese boy take the lead. Roman, making his first US start, came back in the late rounds to take a split verdict.

In a co feature ten, Urbano Davilla, 127, Mexico City, a stablemate of Roman, was awarded a seventh round TKO over Masahito Takahashi, 128, Tokyo.

The bout was halted when Takahashi suffered a badly sliced left eye. Davila had a slight lead going into the seventh.

Tony Lopez, 127, East Los Angeles, decesioned Alberto Perez, 128, Bakersfield, (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Lonnie Bennett, 178, Los Angeles, probably ended the career of veteran Jimmy (James) Rosette, 181, San Diego.

Bennett smashed Rosette to the canvas with a vicious left-right combination early in the third round of their scheduled ten. Rosette was out for several minutes.

▲**SAN JOSE**—Jorge Ramos, 131, Buenos Aires, nodded Juan Montoya, 130½, Baja, California, in a lively 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium.

Brother Lobito Montoya, 135¾, Baja, also was a loser, dropping a 10 round decision to Jerry Jacobs, 135½, Sacramento.

In a six, Baby Joe Johnson, 122, Oakland, decisioned Ramon Cabrera, 127, San Jose, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—It was Mexico vs. Japan Night again at Olympic and another victory for Mexico.

David Sotelo, 126, battered Shig Fukuyama, 124, Tokoyo, for seven rounds, then finished the job with a neat left hook in the eighth.

Fukuyama took the count flat on his back, after sampling a swift left hook.

Roberto Bonilla, 155, Puerto Rico, decisioned Bob Villanueva, 155, Culver City, (6); Hector Rodriguez, 123, Los Angeles, outpounded Frank Borrego, 123, East Los Angeles, (6).

▲**FRESNO**—Twenty three hundred fans paid $16,000 to see a combination closed circuit—live boxing show at Selland Arena.

The main attraction was Muhammad Ali-Bob Foster versus the Quarry brothers. The live portion featured Irish Billy Ryan's first round KO over Oakland's James Dick.

Ryan, from Fresno, weighed 208. Dick, 187.

Agapito Villegas, 151, San Diego, got decision over Johnny Pineda, 149, Fresno, (6); Johnny Lopez, 135, Oakland, decisioned Eliseo Castillo, 135, San Diego, (6).

▲**INGLEWOOD**—Armando Muniz, 148, East Los Angeles, met an old friend from his amateur days in the person of Jimmy Hamm, 144, Jacksonville, Fla, in the feature event at the Forum.

Muniz and Hamm boxed in the same tournaments while in the service.

Hamm hardly had time to warm up, when a Muniz left-right combination planted him on the deck. He was floored twice more in the second, at which point referee Dick Young halted the one side skirmish.

Originally, a second ten on the card was Ruben Navarro against Rodolfo Gonzalez, but this was canceled at a late hour when Gonzalez came in 1½ pounds over-weight.

Moi Sanchez, 124½, San Diego, decision over Ricky Farris, 126, Burbank, (6); Lou Blades, 146, Pasadena, decisioned Rosario Savala, 146½, National City, (6); Renato Garcia, 151, Chile, KO over Agapito Villegas, 152, San Diego, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Changa Carmona, 134¾, Mexico City, is the new North American Federation lightweight leader.

Carmona, who is also the national titleholder of Mexico, stopped Jimmy Robertson, 134, Harbor City, in the eighth round of their scheduled 12 at Olympic before a turnaway crowd of 9400, and a gate of $50,083.

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70 GRAND FOR NAPOLES ● IN BRIEF WITH PRUITT ●

By EDUARDO AMER G.

MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON — For the first time this city had a world title fight, when Cuban-born Jose Angel "Mantequilla" Napoles, 145, technically kayoed Adolph Pruitt, 143, in only two rounds to retain the welterweight crown.

Constancio "Rocky" Garcia, 118, decisioned Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 118, in 10. Jose Salas, 127, tko'd Juan de la Rosa, 125, in the opening round. Adalides Munoz, 119, of Panama, tko'd Chuy Rocha, 118, in nine. Victor Rocha, 118, beat Juan Ordonez, 117, in ten.

Attendance, 12,000. Receipts, $70,000 gate. Radio and television, $30,000. Napoles' share, $70,000. Pruitt's share, $10,000. Promoters: Eladio Flores and Jose Rocha.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Miguel Canto, 110, won unanimous decision from Olympian Ricardo Delgado, 110, in twelve rounds and retained Mexican flyweight belt. Roberto Alvarez, 113, Jalisco, TKO'd Abundio Cortes, 111, in three. Magallo Lozada, 117, stopped Cesar Ordonez, 117, in two. Hector Mendieta, 110, and Jose "Carbonero" Vargas, 109, drew in 10. Luis "Black" Garcia, 116, halted Beto Gongora, 114, in four.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ** — Jesus "Chucho" Castillo, 122, former world bantamweight king, defeated Earl Large, 120, USA, in ten. Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 125, KO'd Vital Rios, 126, in four. Agustin Estrada, 134, TKO'd Octavio Amparan, 133, in 9. "Mosco" Lozano, 112, TKO'd Mario Mendez, 113, in nine. Trinidad Garcia, 134, bested Ramon Armando Reyes, 134, in 4.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Carlos Mendoza, 120, Panama, whipped Alfredo Meneses, 119, in ten. Eliseo Cosme, 118, TKO'd Antonio Leon, 118, in two. Arturo Vazquez, 116, TKO'd Abel Meneses, 115, in 3. Daniel Acuna, 111, TKO'd Raymundo Fuentes, 111, in two. Gustavo Altuzar, 124, won from Juan Lopez, 125, in 4.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Raul Delgado, 168, Mexican middleweight king, TKO'd Calvin Todd, 167, USA, in two. Memo Ortiz, 124, nailed Nacho Lomeli, 123, in 3. Jose Machias, 134, and "Toluco" Martinez, 134, drew in 8. Manuel Valero, 123, knocked out Chucho Marin, 124, in five. Antonio Llerena, 125, won over Israel Ruiz, 124, in four.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Salvador Martinez Carrillo, 117, TKO'd Jose Luis Soto, 117, in four. Max Sanchez, 118, TKO'd Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 119, in 3. Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, bested Leo Palacios, 111, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA** — Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 133, stopped Fermin Soto, 134, in 3. Jose Cruz "Fachoso" Garcia, 111, decisioned Hipolito Hernandez, 111, in ten.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Clemente Mucino, 129, kayoed Manuel Molo, 129, of Panama, in two. Jose Luis Valencia, 112, beat Domingo Ledezma, 112, in ten.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 128, stopped Sigfrido Rodriguez, 127, in two. Jesus "Chucho" Cedeno, 130, TKO'd Sotero Cabrera, 133, in 5. Jose Menchaca, 122, TKO'd Lorenzo Perez, 123, in 2. Alejandro Davila, 117, won over Roberto Reyes, 116, in six. Pable Medina, 117, TKO'd Ruben Diaz, 117, in four.

▲**SAN JERONIMO, GUERRERO** — Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 132, KO'd Adalid Salinas, 134, in two.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS** — Isaac Quintas, 145, whipped Jose Luis Baltazar, 146, in ten. Jose "Pollo" Gabino, 125, beat Tomas Martinez, 125, in ten. Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 136, embalmed Aurelio Fernandez, 134, in 4.

▲**SAN JERONIMO, GUERRERO** — Alfonso Calleja, 166, stopped Art Astudillo, 164, in 3. Raul Saraga, 119, TKO'd Relampago de San Jeronimo, 121, in 3.

▲**ZAMORA, MICHOACAN** — Antonio Cabrera, 134, and Rafael Eligio, 143, drew in ten.

▲**LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA** — Clemente Mucino, 130, and Tomas Frias, 126, drew in ten.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA, CALIFORNIA** — Raul Cruz, 126, TKO'd Tony Jumo As, 125, Phillipines, in ten; Joe Valdez, 124, defeated Ricardo "Macanas" Garcia, 123, in 10.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Salvador Torres, 124, TKO'd Antonio Balderas, 124, in three. Jose Torres, 123, TKO'd Ramon Flores, 123, in two.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO** — Mario Molo, of Panama, 124, outpointed Beto Maya, 125, in 10. Adelides Munoz, 119, of Panama, stopped San Chavez, 120, in four. Gilberto "Puma" Herazo, 124, of Panama, TKO'd Raul Guillen, 124, in four.

▲**GUDALAJARA, JALISCO** — Diego Martinez, 111, KO'd Jesus Alfaro, 112, in six. Raymundo Martinez, 123, TKO'd Baltazar Garcia, 124, in 6.

▲**MONTERREY** — Antonio Llamas, 124, halted Apolonio Reyna, 125, in 8.

▲**SAN PEDRO, COAHUILA** — Javier Reyes Valdez, 165, decisioned Antonio Puebla, 167, in 12 rounds and gained middleweight title of Coahuila State. But next day, Reyes Valdez died of a heart attack.

▲**APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN** — Jose Figueroa, 138, flattened Gaby Reynosa, 140, in six.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 115, TKO'd Jorge Reyes, 116, in seven.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO** — Lupe Candela, 125, TKO'd Carlos Tornes, 125, in five.

▲**MONTERREY** — Juan Manuel Ursua, 132, TKO'd Maclovio Medina, 134, in 5.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS** — Guadalupe "Gato" Reyes, 142, polished off Leonardo Patino, 140, in 7. Enrique Muniz, 114, iced Jose Garcia, 115, in first round.

▲**CORDOBA, VERACRUZ** — Angel Sanchez, 112, beat Pino Pinolillo, 111, in ten.

▲**AGUA DULCE, VERACRUZ** — Antonio Garcia, 125, and Chuy Rodriguez, 126, drew in ten.

▲**VERACRUZ, VERACRUZ** — Chucho Aparicio, 116, decisioned Hilario Lopez, 117, in 12, and he is the new flyweight champion of Veracruz State.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 126, outscored William Valencia, 125, in ten. William Garcia, 124, knocked out Rufino Gallegos, 124, in two. Fausto "Lobo" Narvaez, 123, won from Joe del Angel, 124, in six. Romulo Cortes, 113, TKO'd Baby Gil, 112, in five. Lupe Madera, 110, demolished Ranulfo Cano, in the opening round.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Jose Palacios, 145, TKO'd Jaime "Chamaco" Perez, 148, in 7. Martin Corona, 117, TKO'd Alejandro Banos, 117, in four.

MAY 31 — MEXICO, D. F. — Salvador Torres, 125, KO'd Antonio Pino, 125, in 3. Jose Torres, 124, TKO'd Antonio Torres, 125, in four.

▲**MONTERREY** — Chano Rodriguez, 112, TKO'd Jorge Padron, 112, in ten. Pancho Reyes, 124, iced Juan Gomez, 125, in one.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 133, TKO'd Raul Gonzalez, 134, in 4. Filia de los Santos, 145, beat Lorenzo Alarcon, 146, ten.

▲**DURANGO** — Manuel Seki, 145, halted Samuel "Sammy" Garcia, 146, in two.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 112, TKO'd Jesus "Titino" Gonzalez, 112, in six.

▲**TENOSIQUE** — Kid Copetes, 113, TKO'd Marcial Caraveo, 116, in six.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 121, embalmed Gilberto "Puma" Herazo, 123, of Panama, in eight. Santos Rodriguez, 112, lost to Venancio Cervantes, 112, in ten.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS** — Tony Moreno, 113, of Texas, TKO'd Vicente Pool, 114, in three.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Angel Javier Medel, 134, TKO'd Ramon Martinez, 134, in 6. Alfonso Calleja, 145, TKO'd Agustin Linares, 146, in three.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** — Romeo Anaya, 118, bested Julio Guerrero, 118, in a great fight. Antonio Garcia, 125, TKO'd Lupe Mendez, 125, in five. Jorge Martinez, 122, TKO'd "Cachorro" Hernandez, 120, in nine. Raul Noria, 114, bested Candelario "Chiquis" Fernandez, 112, in 10. "Chamaco" Casanova, 123, outscored Saul Quevedo, 121, in ten.

▲**MEXICO** — Alberto "Costenito" Morales, 113, defeated Roberto Alvarez, 112, in ten. Antonio "Caguamo" Castaneda, 116, TKO'd Nacho Hernandez, 116, in 5. Mario Roman, 133, iced Juan Malagon, 134, in one. Gustavo Altuzar, 115, polished off Antonio Yerena, 116, in 1. Fabiam Palma, 114, whipped Pablo Medina, 115, in 4.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Vicente Pool, 112, technically kayoed "Chano" Rodriguez, 112, in six. Joe Baquedano, 140, put "Aguilucho" Hernandez, 139, to sleep in the very first round. Joe "Dinamita" Hernandez, 126, destroyed Jose Luis Luna, 124, in one. Lupe Madera, 106, TKO'd Herbert Caballero, 110, also in one. Gonzalo "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 110, halted Felipillo Mendez, 112, in three.

▲**PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Coahuila** — "Pinguino" Torres, 112, demolished Paco Pizana, 111, in two. Gaby Estrada, 124, TKO'd Tony Gurrola, 125, in six.

▲**MERIDA** — "Chano" Rodriguez, 112, outpointed Jose Luis "Chamaco" Medina, 112, in ten. "Manny" Barajas, 110, TKO'd Hector Mendieta, 112, in 7. Guty Espadas, 111, bombed Juan Gomez, 110, in the opening round. Carlos Mendez, 126, KO'd Manolo Castillo, 126, in 4. Lupe Madera, 105, TKO'd Jesus Herrera, 107, in one.

▲**APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN** — Antonio Cabrera, 134, kayoed "Diablo" Mendez, 134, in three.

▲**MEXICO** — "Chocolate" Ramos, 146, knocked out Chucho Garay, 143, in 4. Rene Navarrete, 116, and Amador Sanchez, 115, technically drew in 3. Ernesto Martinez, 123, flattened Benito Escalona, 124, in one.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Diego Martinez, 117, beat Jorge Gomez, 118, in ten. Raymundo Martinez, 124, TKO'd Alfonso Alvarez, 123, in 3.

▲**MONTERREY** — Fernando Duran, 120, stopped Juan Jaramillo, 122, in 1. Jose Vazquez, 151, KO'd Jorge Reta, 154, in four.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Maleno Calleja, 124, decisioned "Ranita" Moreno, 123, in ten. Francisco "Borrego" Palacios, 113, outpointed Luis Rey, 112, in 10.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Salvador Torres, 125, TKO'd Sebastian Echegaray, 125, in 6. Jose Torres, 117, TKO'd Armando Olivares, 117, in four.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Isaac Quintas, 147, TKO'd Ramiro "Sonrisas" Ruvalcaba, 145, in 7. Julio Mendez, 133, TKO'd Beto Lara, 134, in 5. Jose Luis Bermejo, 134, and Sergio Alejo, 133, drew in six.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA** — Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 125, nailed Mar Yuzon, 124, Phillipines, in 4. Manuel Seki, 144, stopped Silvano Quinones, 145, in 3.

▲**MEXICO** — Salvador Torres, 126, defeated Ruben "Coneja" Ruiz, 127, in ten. Jose Torres, 124, TKO'd Jose Pozos, 124, in 4.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Jorge Padron, 112, TKO'd Teo Jimenez, 112, in two. Cuco Nieves, 135, TKO'd Martin Cervera, 134, in 2.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Carlos Tornes, 124, TKO'd Gilberto Becerril, 124, in 4. Magdonio Zavaleta, 124, knocked out Eduardo Macias, 124, in 2.

▲**MEXICO** — Max Sanchez, 118, TKO'd Memo Rodriguez, 118, in 6. Memo Hernandez, 132, TKO'd Crescencio Castanon, 113, in six. Promising Arturo Vazquez, 116, TKO'd Carlos Ramirez, 117, in two. Raul Martinez, 135, TKO'd Severo Escorza, 134, in one.

▲**MONTERREY** — Manuel "Botas" Garcia, 125, won from Manuel Garcia, 125, in 10.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Agustin Chavez, 139, stopped Joe Baquedano, 137, in two. Joe "Dinamita" Hernandez, 125, halted William Valencia, 125, in four. Goyo Martinez, 117, whipped Rodolfo "Indio" Aguilar, 117, in ten. Luis "Black" Garcia, 118, beat Rufino Gallegos, 116, in 8. Joe del Angel, 117, outscored Joe Cerda, 117, in 6.

▲**MEXICO** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 112, defeated Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, in ten. Hilario Becerril, 116, won from Jose Luis Medrano, 117, in eight.

▲**BELIZE, B. H.** — Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 125, Yucatan, won from Chester Haudinett, 127, in ten. Roy Clark, 115, TKO'd William Garcia, 115, of Yucatan, in 5.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS** — "Negrito" Perez, 111, bested "Chamaco" Lopez, 111, and became new flyweight champion of Chiapas State.

▲**MEXICO** — Magallo Lozada, 116, TKO'd Eliseo Cosme, 117, in 3. Nabor Angeles, 123, TKO'd Eleazar Morales, 124, in 8.

▲**REYNOSA** — Ray Reyes, 143, won by a disqualification from Jose "Pollo" Gabino, 141, in seven. Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 125, halted Baltazar Garcia, 125, in two.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Teo Jimenez, 112, kayoed Jesus Escobedo, 113, in 4. Luis Medel, 134, TKO'd "Dragon" Galeana, 134, in 4. Zurdo Cortes, 132, iced Guillermo Marin, 131, in the very first roll.

▲**MEXICO** — Ruben Vazquez, 147, decisioned Arturo "Mulato" Zuniga, 146, in ten. Mario Chavez, 111, TKO'd Manuel Castaneda, 111, in 8. Pablo Rueda, 146, TKO'd Armando Caldera, 145, in 3. Enrique Valencia, 116, won from Ezequiel Aguilar, 115, in six. Roberto Valenzuela, 110, and Evodio Ortiz, 111, drew in four.

▲**MEXICO** — Gustavo Garcia, 144, and Jose Palacios, 145, drew in ten. Tomas Martinez, 132, and Boni Valdez, 132, technically drew in 6.

▲**JUAREZ** — Clemente Mucino, 125, won over Francisco Heredia, 124, in 10. Sirino Aparicio, 134, lost to Ignacio "Oso" Sanchez, 133, in 10. Martin Corona, 124, embalmed Jose Luis Navarrete, 125, in nine.

▲**TLALNEPANTLA, ESTADO DE MEXICO** — Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 135, stopped Justo Yanez, 133, in six. Angel Lira, 119, bested Raul Tirado, 120, in ten.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 131, TKO'd Esteban Chupin, 133, in one. Emiliano "Tortuga" Mayoral, 118, decisioned Alfredo Aguilar, 117, in 10. Chino Flores, 129, TKO'd Angel Javier Medel, 132, in 5.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO** — Saul Montana, 119, gained a decision over Miguel Angel Arias, 122, in ten. Heraclio Amaya, 144, KO'd Jose "Cheche" Herrera, 113, in six.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Yoshiki Suda, 113, Japan, lost to Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 114, in ten. Gilberto "Puma" Herazo, 119, of Panama, TKO'd Jose Eleuterio Luna, 122, in 3.

▲**ORIZABA, VERACRUZ** — Fernando "Fer" Fernandez, 119, TKO'd Carlos Lara, 120, in 3.

McALINDEN BATTERS BODELL INTO RETIREMENT IN 2 HEATS

By RON OLVER

BIRMINGHAM, England – "Dangerous" Danny McAlinden became the first Irishman ever to win the British heavyweight title when he knocked out champion Jack Bodell in two rounds. It was a genuine spectacular in which McAlinden shook his man with almost the first punch of the fight, and thereafter kept up a sustained pressure that had Bodell in trouble and down four times before Mac delivered the coup de grace.

Bodell afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

McAlinden, 190, born in Newry but now living in Coventry, was determined to win quickly, and Bodell, Swadlincote, 199, neglected the elementary rule of protecting his jaw, which had proved so vulnerable in previous bouts, with Jerry Quarry and Jose Urtain.

From the first bell when Danny Boy caught his man with a right-left to the jaw, the writing was on the wall. Jack's gloves seem to get nearer and nearer his waist. and further and further away from his chin. McAlinden joyfully welcomed this open target. The knock-downs were as follows:

(a) Left hook to Jack's jaw. Out went gumshield. Jack pulled Dan down with him.

(b) Right to the chin and down they both went again.

(c) Round two. Another right to that unguarded chin. Jack took "four."

(d) Right hand again to same target. Jack down for "six."

(3) Same punch, same place, and Jack went into the ropes and from thence to the canvas, where he rolled over on to his back and was counted out.

Danny was doing his victory jig and his supporters were already in the ring before the count was actually completed by referee George Smith, who like a good official, ignored these happenings and concentrated on the fallen boxer.

The scenes that followed were unprecedented. The ring became full of excited fans, just as if they needed warming up on this chilly night in this open-air show, at the Aston Villa football grounds. Dan was hoisted on the shoulders of those who got to him first, and it was some five minutes before the official result was announced by the M.C. "At 1 minute 31 sec. of the second round, McAlinden the winner by a knockout."

Bodell announced his retirement from the ring, and didn't even bother to change his ring gear, merely putting on an overcoat and jumping into a car.

His manager George Biddles also said he may retire. So ends a profitable partnership. Bodell once held three titles,

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Jack Bodell falls to the canvas after being floored by Danny McAlinden in the second round of their British heavyweight title contest at Birmingham, England. Bodell failed to get up and thus McAlinden became the first irishman to hold the British heavy crown.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 15, 1972)

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. George Chuvalo (C)
2. Joe Bugner (E)
3. Bill Drover (C)
4. John Conteh (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (J)
7. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
8. Richard Dunn (E)
9. Mani Vaka (T)
10. Wendell Newton (Bah)

CRUISERWEIGHT

Championship
Chris Finnegan (E)

1. Johnny Frankham (E)
2. Ronnie Wilson (C)
3. Baby Boy Rolle (Bah)
4. Gomeo Brennan (Bah)
5. Eddie Avoth (W)
6. Lloyd Walford (J)
7. Roy John (W)
8. Johnny Gorkum (A)
9. Dave Hawkes (E)
10. Al Sparks (C)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Donato Paduano (C)
3. Don McMillan (S)
4. Kevin Finnegan (E)
5. Mark Rowe (E)
6. Matt Donovan (T)
7. Carlos Marks (T)
8. Eric Blake (E)
9. Harry Scott (E)
10. Jimmy Mitchell (C)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Ralph Charles (E)

1. Clyde Gray (C)
2. Peter Cobblah (G)
3. Rey Cantin (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Marshall Butler (C)
6. John H. Stracey (E)
7. Bobby Arthur (E)
8. Fernand Marcotte (C)
9. Les Pearson (E)
10. Ricky Porter (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Al Ford (C)
4. Hector Thompson (A)
5. Joe Tetteh (G)
6. Jeff White (A)
7. Jim Watt (S)
8. Jonathan Dele (N)
9. Joey Santos (NZ)
10. Johnny Cheshire (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Toro George (NZ)

1. Love Allotey (G)
2. Evan Armstrong (S)
3. Tommy Glencross (S)
4. Howard Hayes (E)
5. Bobby Dunne (A)
6. Jimmy Bell (S)
7. Lucky Gattellari (A)
8. Bill Moeller (A)
9. Mick Heafey (A)
10. Johnny Duncan (T)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Championship Vacant

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paul Ferreri (A)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Paddy Maguire (I)
5. Sulley Shittu (G)
6. Colin Miles (W)
7. John Kellie (S)
8. Jim Bowen (A)
9. Harry Hayes (A)
10. Paddy Graham (I)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Steve Bell (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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LATIN AMERICAN FIGHTERS ●STEAM UP CHICAGO FANS●

By JERRY CONNERS

At the International Amphitheatre, Cesar Dovalina turned loose his "little giants". A crowd of 3,000 with a gross of over $14,000 witnessed some of the most exciting boxing and slugging Chicago has seen in a long time.

In the 8 round opener, Jesus Marquez, Mexico, pounded out a unanimous decision over Johnny North, Cincinnati. In the first two rounds, in the 3rd round they started opening up on each other, Marquez opened a cut in North's mouth, and in the 4th round Marquez's eye closed, and for the next 3 rounds, it was a clock brawl.

However, the surprises of the night were the bantamweights Andres Hernandez and Jose Medina, Hernandez who is the bantam champion of Puerto Rico, was a winner over Jose Medina of Mexico with a unanimous 10 round decision, in at least 5 of the 10 rounds they were punching from bell to bell. When the fight was over, the crowd showered the ring with coins and bills to show its appreciation.

In the 3rd ten rounder, out-classed, out boxed, out punched "fighting school teacher" Lyle Randolph, was TKOed. In 2 minutes 30 seconds of the 4th round by a cold, calculating, nerveless Zovek Barajas, of Mexico Barajas relentlessly pursued Randolph from the opening bell, keeping Randolph off balance with left hands, Barajas cut Randolph's left eye, near the end of the 3rd round.

As the bell rang from the 4th round Barajas charged out of his corner, like a school kid during recess bell, and opened up at the "fighting teacher". . ..plus cuts on his forehead, the referee, mercifully took Randolph out of his misery, at the 2 minutes and 30 seconds of the fourth round.

In the final 10 round bout, Tony Jumo-As of Philippines and Ricardo Garcia of Mexico, bounced each other over the ring for 10 rounds, for the first 4 rounds, both traded punches fairly even, Jumo-As in the 5th round opened up Garcia's right eye and for the next 5 rounds, he was sharpshooting and kept the eye open. But it did not slow his pursuit of Jumo-As, in the 10th round, Garcia opened up cuts on Tony's face.

As the bell rang ending the 10th roud, both fighters looked like the stars of a B class gory movie. When the ring announcer Chet Coppock announced the decision, there were both cheers and boos for the split decision which was given to Garcia.

REFEREE THROWS THEM ●OUT OF RING IN DETROIT●

By ELLIOTT HARVITH

DETROIT, MICH. — The long-awaited rematch between Tommy Hanna, 158, Detroit and Dave Thach, 157, Kalamazoo turned out to be a collosal failure, far from the war they fought in 1970. They wrestled through 8 rounds of kicking, biting, holding and swearing at the State Fairgrounds. It was ruled No Contest by the referee.

Thach simply refused to fight and held and clinched for nearly the entire 3 minutes of regulation fighting time in all 8 rounds. Seemingly most of the action came after the bell. They continued fighting after half of the 8 heats. In round 3, Thach landed his best shot of the night, possibly accidental, a knee to groin after the bell, and then proceeded to grab Hanna around the neck and hold him there until the corner men were able to separate them.

In round 6 the corner men had to rush into the ring and separate the fighters, a round in which both landed with beautiful shots—with their feet. By round 8 tempers were at full steam and Thach bled from a bite on the ear. Again the corner men had to rush out after the bell.

Things were beyond control as both fighters exchanged their best swear words at this stage of the brawl, which long had ceased to bear any semblance to a boxing encounter. Referee Lou Jallos had no other avenue to turn to except to throw both fighters out of the ring and declare it No-Contest.

Leonard Hutchins, 175, Detroit, had no trouble disposing of Harold Carter, 174, Cleveland, in 5 rounds, Carter, who has lost his most recent 10 fights (6 by KO) and won 2 of his last 19. He was boardering on the near pathetic as Hutchins battered him like a rag doll before Jallos finally halted the mess.

John "BoJack" Mangum, 159, Detroit, stopped Mike Reed, 159, Omaha, in the 6th round in an action fight. Mangum is now 10-0 with 7 KO's.

▲ — 250 came to the Sheraton-Cadillac for the 6th Annual VBA#32 dinner. Roscoe Toles, Morrie Sherman, and Lou Handler received awards for their service to Boxing and Stanley Temple received the Ed Wagonlander trophy as Michigan's best amateur boxer.

▲**MARGATE, FLA.** — Frank Cavanaugh, 75, former Boxing Commissioner of Michigan, died here.

O'CONNOR BEATS CHAMBERS, ● BUT NOT IN CONDITION ●

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — Pat O'Connor, 170, Rochester, remained undefeated, but had a tough time gaining a unanimous ten round decision over Hill Chambers, 171¼, Mesa, Ariz. O'Connor's record is now 30-0, Chambers an unimpressive 6-17-1.

It looked like a quick ending as Pat pummeled Chambers badly in the first round. With Chambers helpless against the ropes the referee gave him a standing eight count, but try as he might, O'Connor could not put Chambers away.

Both O'Connor and Chambers scored well through the next four rounds, but without any effect. In the last five rounds O'Connor's poor condition showed, as he tired, and missed his punches. It was toe to toe slugging in the last two rounds, but neither had the steam left to hurt the other.

The light heavyweight match drew a crowd of 3,251, and a gate of $33,190, as the "live" portion of the TV doubleheader of Ali, Foster and the Quarry brothers.

In one other match Rodney Bobick, 250, Bowlus, Minn. ran his record to 5-0 when he stopped Lloyd Price, 202, Mesa, Ariz. in three rounds.

Howard Bleyhl, Madison, Minn. welterweight of twenty-five years ago, died recently in a boating accident near Backus, Minn., Bleyhl drowned. Bleyhl fought from 1945 to 1948, and had a 27-8-3 record. He actually brought boxing back to St. Paul, as he was an all action fighter.

Jack Raleigh, St. Paul promoter has asked the Commission to stage the first show in St. Paul's new Civic Center Arena (19,000 seats), with a big show.

VIC ORTIZ IN SURPRISE VICTORY OVER EDDIE PERKINS

By MARIO RIVERA

PONCE, PUERTO RICO — Victor M. Ortiz pulled another major upset when he scored a hairline decision in ten rounds over top ranked welter Eddie Perkins.

Ortiz who had beaten Frankie Otero and Eddie Linder in Miami entering the ring as an underdog, was awarded the nod in this one by virtue of a second round knockdown over his much surprised opponent.

Perkins, on the other hand, did not begin to show why he is one of the most shunned welters until the fifth round when he began to outpunch and outthink his younger rival. It was in this round that Ortiz began to miss badly in an effort to score a kayo while the fast moving Perkins scored on repeated occasions with good one-two combinations to the head.

The pattern of the fight did not change any in the following sessions and going into the ninth round it seemed as if the ring savvy of Perkins was going to pull the chestnuts out of the fire. However, in the closing seconds of the ninth, Ortiz shook Perkins to even the round. Ortiz came on strong in the tenth to square the round count.

If the scoring had been on a round basis, Perkins would have merited a draw. However, it was scored on points and two officials scored it for him with identical figures of 96-95. The decision was of the split variety as the third official voted in favor of Perkins.

In the semifinal eight Junior welter Freytes Caban scored a decision over Alberto Jorge.

In a companion eight, Aurelio Birriel outpointed fellow jr. lightweight Joe Toro.

In six hotly contested rounds, feather Benjamin Ortiz scored over Tomas Rivera.

In four rounds, feather Santiago Rosa scored a TKO over Enrique Solis when Solis decided to call it quits in 1:45.

Santos Solis, 130, was lucky to get the nod from Angel Rosa

ERRATIC WORLD COUNCIL FUDDLED BY LIGHTWEIGHTS

By J. A. TREE

MADRID, Spain – The world lightweight champion, in the eyes of The Ring staff, was Ken Buchanan. It is now his conqueror, Roberto Duran, of Panama. The World Boxing Council has been trying to find a champion in this division ever since Buchanan took over.

In eight months they have seen Mando Ramos, America, and Pedro Carrasco, Spain, meet on three occasions and there is still no WBC champion. In their latest engagement Ramos outscored Carrasco in Spain, only to be relieved of his crown a few days later when alleged doping charges faced him.

This circus started on November 5th last year when these two were matched for the vacant WBC crown. Ramos, well on his way to victory, having decked the Spaniard four times, was disqualified by unknown Nigerian referee Samuel Obubote for hitting low. The WBC ordered a rematch and it took place on February 18 last in Los Angeles.

Ramos won on points but it was a split decision and few were satisfied. The WBC demanded a third meeting and after the outcome I feel it would be easier for the WBC to go along with the experts of this magazine and save any further embarassment.

In Genoa, WBA world junior welterweight champion, Bruno Arcari, Italy – for The Ring, Alfonso Frazier rules the division – held on to his crown, beating Joao Henrique, Brazil, with two minutes, 15 seconds gone of round 12.

Recent events were dominated by Carlos Monzon's defense of his world middleweight crown against Jacques Bouttier, France, in Paris. The Frenchman was taken out of the fight with an injured eye in the 13th by his intelligent manager, Jean Bretonnel.

If this was not enough for the fight fans in Europe who claim they are fight starved, there were three European championship contest thrown in for good measure.

In Berne, Switzerland, Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, made his first defense since winning one of the flyweight crowns

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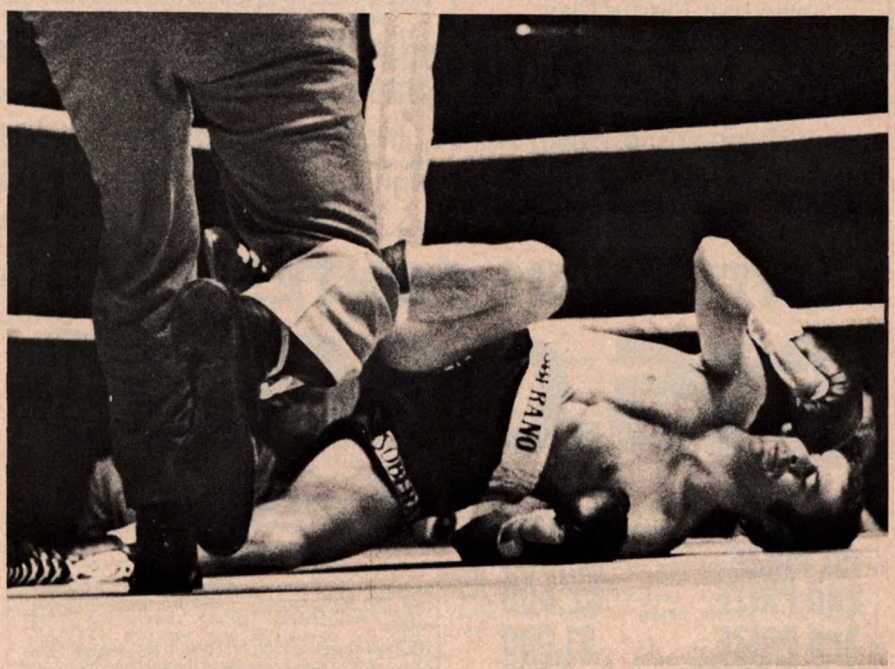

Pedro Carrasco is knocked to the floor by Mando Ramos in the first round of their 15-round WBC lightweight title contest in Madrid. Ramos was awarded the nod after the 15-rounder.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 15, 1972)

Heavyweights
*1. Jurgen Blin (G)
2. Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain (S)
3. Bepi Ros (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Rudi Lubbers (H)
6. Armando Zanini (I)
7. Mario Baruzzi (I)
8. Piero del Papa (I)
9. Giogi Bambi (I)
10. Christian Poncelet (F)

Light Heavies
*1. Chris Finnegan (GB)
2. Jan Lubbers (H)
3. Conny Velensek (G)
4. Gianfranco Macchia (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
7. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
8. Bernard Quellier (F)
9. Pascal Di Benedetto (F)
10. Bas van Duivenbode (H)

Middleweights
*1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
2. Tom Bogs (D)
3. Luciano Serti (I)
4. Fabio Bettini (I)
5. Nessim Cohen (F)
6. Gratien Tonna (F)
7. Tom Jensen (D)
8. Mario Romersi (I)
9. Mario Almanzo (I)
10. Hans Dieter Schwartz (G)

Junior Middles
*1. Carlos Duran (I)
2. Jose Hernandez (S)
3. Jacques Kechichian (F)
4. Christian Larsen (D)
5. Carlos San Jose (S)
6. Jose Duran (S)
7. Franco Vermandere (F)
8. Lionel Cuypers (B)
9. Epifano Collardo (S)
10. Johann Orsolics (A)

Welterweights
*1. Roger Menetrey (F)
2. Robert Gallois (F)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Alberto Torri (I)
6. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
7. Giani Zampieri (I)
8. Jackie van Mallearts (F)
9. Marcel Cerdan (F)
10. Antoni Torres (S)

Junior Welters
*1. Roger Zami (F)
2. Bruno Arcari (I)
3. Sandro Lopopolo (I)
4. Cemal Kamaci (A)
5. Barrera Corpas (S)
6. Piero Ceru (I)
7. Toni Ortiz (S)
8. Ermando Fasoli (I)
9. Tommaso Marocco (I)
10. Giuseppe Minotti (I)
11. Maurice Tavant (F)

Lightweights
*1. Antonio Puddu (S)
2. Pedro Carrasco (S)
3. Enzo Petriglia (I)
4. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
5. Dominque Azzaro (F)
6. Kid Tano (S)
7. Pierre LaJaouen (F)
8. Leonard Tavarres (S)
9. Claude Thomias (F)
10. Jesus Zarko (S)

Junior Lights
*1. Tommaso Galli (I)
2. Lothar Abend (G)
3. Jean DeKeers (B)
4. Mario Redi (I)
5. Mario Sanna (I)
6. Dominico Jiminez (S)
7. Felix Brami (F)
8. Baldassari Picone (F)
9. Luis Aisa (S)
10. Ugo Poli (I)

Featherweights
*1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
3. Daniel Vermandere (F)
4. Robert Porcel (F)
5. Don Prezioso (I)
6. Augusto Civardi (I)
7. Maurice Cordier (F)
8. Jean Anton (F)
9. Renato Galli (I)
10. Domenico Chiloire (I)

Bantamweights
*1. Augustin Senin (S)
2. Toni Sassarini (I)
3. Bob Allotey (S)
4. Franco Zurlo (I)
5. Enzo Farinelli (I)
6. Giuseppe Fascella (I)
7. Guy Caudron (F)
8. Marc van Domme (B)
9. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
10. Pierre Vetroff (F)

Flyweights
*1. Fritz Chervet (Sw)
2. Fernando Atzori (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Luigio Boschi (I)
5. Dino Contemori (I)
6. Giancarlo Anibaldi (I)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Giovanni Mura (I)
9. Dom Cesari (F)
10. Gerard Macrez (F)

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SPOLDI PRAISES ARCARI AS GREAT JR. WELTER AFTER KO OF HENRIQUE

By ALDO SPOLDI

ROME, ITALY — I am back from my trip to South Africa where I took the Italian light heavyweight Celso Calzi, who beat the South-African champion, Chriss Roos. My Spanish heavyweight, Mariano Echeverria, who with his 37 years still gives a good performance, finished with a close decision against the South-African Mike Schutte, a heavyweight of the calibre of Ron Stander.

▲**GENOVA** — Bruno Arcari, W.B.C. junior welterweight champion, achieved his masterpiece by K.O. in 12 rounds over Hoao Henrique of Brasile. 10,000 people were present at the Sport Palace and many on television, enjoyed the battle between the classic Brasilian and the Italian. Nino Benvenuti, at the microphone for Italian Radio, gave blow by blow and on certain points he even got excited and forgot who was who.

Bruno Arcari confirmed to the sport world that he's the best junior welterweight by demolishing Henrique as Joe Louis used to do to his challengers and then with a perfect left on the chin, floored Henrique for the full count.

Not only was it a clear victory but the best of his career.

Henrique had only words of admiration for Arcari and admitted that Arcari is the champion of his class.

Right after the fight, Henrique had to be rushed to the hospital with a fractured jaw.

Arcari now would like to get a shot at Jose Napoles' title. Those who saw the Genovese beat Henrique think Arcari would have a big chance to win.

▲**SAN REMO** — Carlo Duran, 154, once again became European champion of junior-middleweights with a close decision over Jose Hernandez (153) of Spain in 15 rounds. The Mongol-Indio from Argentina, now an Italian citizen, usually fights in the middleweight class at 160 but the possibility of gaining another title and a few thousand dollars, made Carlo Duran fight even if he had to cut a leg.

The deaf mute from Spain proved that he does not belong in the class of champions. Duran proved too smart for him and made the Spaniard fall in his game.

Duran, 36 years of age, reached the 15th round and got the decision. The verdict in favor of the Italian came because the Spaniard did less than the Italian. (Nothing.)

It was a dull fight. Duran now wants the Japanese, Koichi Wajima, for the world title.

Many of the newspapermen advise Duran to quit boxing at this point but he is deaf to this advice.

I have to add the sorrow of Italian fans over the death of Nat Fleischer. All Italian papers published his eulogy.

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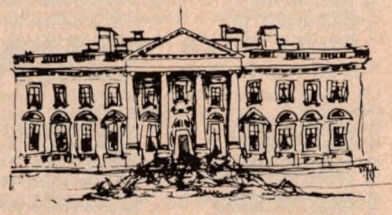

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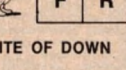
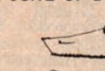
			A	W
	T		N	T

MALAVE GETS OFF DECK TO BEAT IRISH MURPHY

By RONNIE BURNS BOUSE

NORTH BERGEN, N.J. — Jimmy Colotto featured Irish Pat Murphy and welter Chu Chu Malave before a packed house. Well conditioned Murphy scored the only knockdown of the 10 rounder in the third but he let the New York cutie off the hook and eventually lost the fight.

The New Jersey Irishman started off fast and appeared to have a big edge with his stiff jabs along with jarring punches to the body. At the start of the third Malave looked strong and was coming on when Irish Pat came off the ropes with a right uppercut and his foe hit the canvas. He got up and last the round.

The following rounds saw the long haired Puerto-Rican take command and administer boxing lesson to take the decision boosting his record to 16-3 in the welter class.

The semi-final saw Jasper Evans, NYC, 211, gain sweet revenge over the Marshall Parmalee, 211, Bayonne by stopping him in the third round after Parmalee had hit the canvas three times. Evans was stopped a few months back by the Bayonne battler.

A six had "King" Aidoo, 164, Ghana, against New Yorker Willie Rivera, 164. The fans were treated to a double knockdown in the second with both just beating the count.

Their war was called a draw. Another six saw Paterson's Joe Greer, 136, give Tito Flores, 137, New York, a boxing lesson for five rounds. Tito could not answer the bell for the sixth.

The Jersey City's comer John Sullivan, 128, blasted out Pablo Nieves, 126, Jersey City, in the first.

▲ **PATERSON, N.J.**— Sam Sibilio, presented another good show under the direction of the A.A.U. at St. Joseph Hall. 10 bouts were presented and every one was a biggie. Proceeds went to the Lou Costello sportsman club to aid the area youth.

Joe Roman, 118, Costello Club, won a five round decision over Larry Hickman, 118. Ryles AC.

Ray Puluse, Costello Club, 134, won the Sheriff Frank Davenport Award as the "Outstanding Boxer of the card" when he beat Art Williams, 134, Ryles, AC.

Bob Lahey, Costello Club, 112, stopped Al Feggis, J.C. in the first. Bob Lewis, 135, Dupree AC, TKO'd Kev Smith, West A.C., in the third. Elliott Bryant, West A.C. won a three over Jim Kirk, Bank A.C. Heavyweights.

Ishi Rodriguez, Paterson, won beat Bruce Henderson, Ryles AC, (Paperweights) Bob Patterson, Ryles AC. 150, won over Carl Reid, 150, Paterson AC. Rur Miller beat Bart Allen, West AC, in 147 pound class.

Len Bradley, Dupree AC, decisioned Cheyenne, Ryles AC in 109 pound bout. Bruce Wolf, Ryles AC outpointed Auggie Suarez. Paterson AC, 135.

▲ Andrew R. Watts, 73, former AAU referee, died at Paul Kimball Hospital.

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FOURIE STOPS COLAVITA IN OPENING ROUND OF PIERRE'S DURBAN DEBUT

By ED CLARK

DURBAN, South Africa— Pierre Fourie, 168, boxing for the first time in Durban, polished off Canadian Luigi (Lou) Colavita in just 1 minute and 17 seconds. Colavita, 164, was knocked down with two blows to the head, a short right cross and a left as he slumped to the canvas.

Fourie measured his man with a few straight lefts in the opening minute and Colavita caught Fourie with left hook on the side of the head. Then Fourie struck and the Canadian fell to the canvas and had to be revived by a doctor.

Dominic Germishuys, 163½ revealed his boxing skill to outscore heavier Dougie de Wet, 175, over 6 rounds. Mike Schutte, 251½ K.O.'d George Labuschagne, 212½ in 1. Dirk van der Westhuizen, 136½ K.O.'d Louis Neveling 140, in 1. Gert Craemer, 145 stopped Dave Koen, 145½ in 2. Raymond Cross, 212, stopped Piet Rautenbach, 178½ in 2.

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The 3,000 fans who paid topline prices for the card witnesses only 13 rounds of fighting and booed the promoters at the end of the bill.

▲**Dobsonville, Transvaal.** Enoch Nhlapo, welter champion, cruised to an easy 8 rounds points win over Pat Maseko. Maseko was outpunched but not disgraced as he put up a plucky fight. Nhlapo slammed home heavy punches and was effective with a left hook. Maseko, marked with blood from mouth and nose was warned for holding.

Isaac Nuku outscored Simon Monamodi, feathers, 6 rounds.

▲**Johannesburg.** Anthony Morodi put his junior light-weight title on the line against unbeaten Cape boxer Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji and came out a hotly disputed winner after 12 rounds. Mgxaji, using the ring well and displaying fine speed, made Morodi miss in the opening rounds and Mgxaji threw in many blows. Most were caught by Morodi's gloves. In the seventh Morodi was trapped in a corner and Mgxaji poured in so much leather that the fans were on their feet. Morodi was master in the eighth. The Cape boy was warned for holding and pulling. The ninth, with both bleeding from the nose, saw Morodi hunting for a K.O. Mgxaji countered well and displayed ringcraft. Morodi was on the attack in the next 3 rounds but Mgxaji showed excellent footwork and kept out of trouble.

Norman Sekgapane hammered South West African Joe Archer for 10 rounds in a lightweight bout.

Jacob Jobe floored bantam Anthony Sithole in the first for "8" then went on to a points win over 6.

Paulos Twala T.K.O.'d Thomas Leshigo in 5, (Bantam-weights.)

▲**Atteridgeville, Pretoria.** Bantam and feather-weight champion Joe "Green Cobra" Gumede had tough going in beating Simon Monamodi over 8 rounds. Bleeding from the fifth caused by a butt Gumede fought like a tiger against an opponent who was warned no less than 10 times during the fight. Gumede gave Monamodi a shellacking after that butt and it was a miracle that Monamodi kept on his feet. In the final round Gumede had his man on the verge of a K.O.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** Due to the cold weather the Portuguese Hall, Turffontein, was the venue for Danie van Zyl's card and Andries Steyn won a 10 round bout over blown-up light-weight from Wales Billy Waith. Steyn won easily against an opponent with a jumping, running style who after a right hook had dropped him in the third was content to see out the distance. Waith was shaken again with overhand rights and left hooks but his sprinting ability was enough to keep him on his feet.

Middleweight Jan Kies pounded Britain's Harry Scott for 10 rounds but at the end Scott was still taking it with a bloodied face. With his left eyebrow gashed and the left eye closed Scott could only draw the first and lose the rest. Kies hit hard with his left hook.

Peet Viljoen stopped Kosie Wiese in the third when the towel was thrown in to end the middle-weight fight.

Gert Craemer had Rocky Small out in 1, Welter-weights. Raymond Cross T.K.O.'d Carl van Wyk, 2. (Heavy-weights.)

▲**DURBAN** At the Y.M.C.A. Abraham Sibeko K.O.'d Amos Mohele in the 4th of a scheduled 8 rounds bout. Mohele, a substitute put up a gallant fight but the speedy, ruthless Sibeko bored into his man and with a combination of punches in the 4th. Mohele sank to the canvas and blankly looked at the ref. while being counted out.

Moses Mthembu outscored Solomon Ntuli, 8 (Light-weights). Oscar Nyuswa T.K.O.'d Jacob Mkhize, 4 middle-weights. Mike Duma outpointed Paulos Lamula, 6. (Welter-weights.)

▲**SPRINGS.** Gordon Goba, recent loser of his South African middle-weight title, became a champion again by banging a hectic 12 round decision over Mike Ramagole, who was holder of the junior middle-weight crown.

Using long left leads, Ramagole kept Goba at bay but Goba, in a crouching style, threw punches like pistons. Ramagole was shaken in the first but followed up with well times lefts to be in the picture. Goba's eye was cut in the fifth but his body blows had Ramagole wincing.

In the 10th, Ramagole boxed southpaw and had Goba guessing but being too defensive cost Ramagole his crown.

Enoch Nhlapo, welter king, had too much savvy for Free State's Jeremiah Nzelwane and won an 8 round decision.

Victor Tshabalala won easily over Joe Zwane, 6 (Light-weights.) Former welter king McKeed Mofokeng K.O.'d Abel Tsotetsi, 5. Rusty Lekelebang outscored Joseph Baloyi, 6 (Light-weights.)

RIGGS, FORD, FULLARD, ● MAKE JAX FANS HAPPY ●

By TOM EPHREM

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — A turnout of 1500 greeted Van Fletcher's third fight card, which saw the local Big Three, Dennis Riggs, Tim Ford and Charley "Baby" Fullard, all finish first.

Riggs, Florida's mythical middleweight champion, had some embarrassing moments with Jimmy Ruffin, of Miami, but managed to cart off a seventh round TKO.

Ford had little trouble securing the 10 round decision over Larry Adkins, Miami, and Fullard outboxed, outpunched Willie White, of Perry, in an eight rounder.

Riggs would rather fight the world champion than take further chances with an awkward, unorthodox style as Ruffin has. You just can't tell when or where Jimmy's punches come from. He caught Riggs with some hard right handers and his left jab was nothing to sneeze at. But Dennis is a workman and he kept after his man, hurting him several times but not enough to drop him. In the sixth Dennis took charge and nailed Jimmy good near the ropes. Possibly one of the Jacksonville fighter's rights landed on Ruffin's shoulder. An injury resulted and he couldn't make it for the seventh. Riggs at 162, and Ruffin at 160.

Ford took the unanimous nod, getting votes from Judges Chuck Steger, Johnny Joca and Julian Jackson. His left jabs and hooks piled up his points and Adkins could offer only gameness. Both are counterpunchers and their styles conflicted. Ford tipped 150, and Adkins, 154½.

Fullard had a toughie in there and was caught at times with good rights and lefts. But when Charley decided to use his left jab, it opened the way for the rights to the head that followed, thereby notching the unanimous verdict. But it was close.

Fullard tipped 153½, and White, 149. In a sixer Ken Williams, 187, Perry, stopped Ken Singleton, 190, Jacksonville, in three. George Clark, 169, Brunswick, stopped Robert Davis, 173, in the third round of an amateur bout. Davis from Jacksonville.

▲**TAMPA** — Ring Post 50 will stage pro boxing here, according to word from President Ray Schneider and Secretary Uly Valles. Manager Lou Viscusi will help them. . .Tony Licata added another victim, Jose Chirino, by a TKO in the ninth after rallying big and he's one of the favorites Ring Post 50 aims to show again. The win over Chirino was at New Orleans. . .Has Hector McBride retired?. . . Jimmy Leto, one-time welterweight contender, remains the only member left of a wonderful boxing family. There were Tony, featherweight; Joe, one of the best managers in the South whose top star was heavyweight Tommy Gomez, and Pete, a trainer.

▲**JACKSONVILLE, FLA.** — Boxing suffered the biggest setback in the loss of its best friend and supporter, Nat Fleischer. Sufficient accolades cannot be heaped on this man who gave his life for what he knew and loved most. I knew Nat Fleischer for the honest and kind man that he was and his contributions to servicemen in World War II, which earned him thousands of buddies. Nat is gone, but his name, his books, his influence will live on.

▲Paul Kasper and Prince Jimmy Ham failed on the outside and maybe they'll try fighting at home. Paul, opposing Florentino Fernandez at Miami, lasted only 1:02 of the first round of an intended tenner on the Jimmy Ellis-Reco Brooks card. Ham was kayoed in the second round by Armando Muniz in California. Paul is a light heavy and Jimmy a welter.

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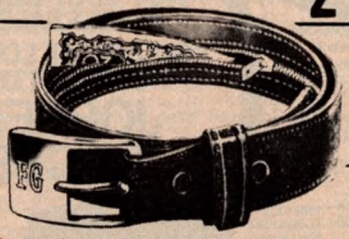

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RINGO HEADED BACK TO GOTHAM, FLOYD OPPONENT?

By SIMON BRONENBERG
AND
ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentine — There are reports here that Ringo Bonavena is going back to New York to fight in Madison Square Garden with Floyd Patterson. Oscar's broken hand has mended, they say.

▲Buenos Aires: Junior lightweight Ramon Duarte outpointed Juan Vedia in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Junior middleweight Juan "Yanny" Garcia whipped Antenor Santillan, 10 rounds.

▲**Neuquen** — Featherweight Santos Lazarte and Omar Canale drew in 10.

▲**Tucuman:** Antonio Barbosa, Brazil, beat Jose Justo Diaz in 10. (Feathers).

▲**La Rioja:** Junior middle Miguel Angel Castellini outpointed Miguel Chequer, 10.

▲**Salta:** Undefeated and hard puncher Rodolfo Rosales W 10 Juan Carlos Munoz, 10. (Junior middles)

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Lightweight Jorge Gomez won Angel Moyano by a TKO in second round.

▲**Formosa:** In the welter class Tito Del Barco beat Martin Juarez in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Carlos Maria Gimenez won Argentine junior welter title over Juan A. Aranda in 12 rounds.

▲**Bustinza:** Light heavy Adolfo Cardozo outpointed Gabino Bay, 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Undefeated Daniel Gonzalez (junior welter) kayoed Jovel Fuentes from Chile in second round — Gonzalez has won 15 bouts, 12 KO and 3 decisions.

▲**Tucuman:** Lightweight Manuel Lopez beat Jorge Herrera in 10.

▲**La Rioja:** Junior middle Antonio Lima won Carlos Chavez, from Peru, by a TKO in 9th round.

▲**Neuquen:** Middleweight Osvaldo Sosa beat Miguel Saul in 10 rounds.

▲**Salta:** Argentine flyweight champion Juan Jose Brizuela kayoed Miguel A. Velez in 8th round. (Non title). Lightweight Hugo Davila kayoed Antonio Mannino in six.

▲**Cordoba:** Lightweight Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Alfredo H. Coria in 10th round.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche:** Bantam Carlos Laxiar, beat Roberto Urretaviscaya, 10.

▲**Olavarria:** Junior middle Hector Galvan beat Rafael Lascano by a TKO in six.

▲**Buenos Aires:** In the feather class Miguel Garcia outpointed Graciano Pintore in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca:** Lightweight Miguel Aguila whipped Oscar Carcamo in 10.

▲**Italo:** Lightweight Carlos Bustos beat Eugenio Lazzari in six round by a medical decision.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** Hector Pace, ex-Argentine light champion and Juan Carlos Salinas, Argentine drew in 10.

▲**Mendoza:** Middleweight Marcelo Quinone, Peruvian beat Daniel Quiroga in 10.

▲**Laboulaye:** Welter Mario Guilloti beat Oscar Gonzalez by a TKO in 3.

▲**Tucuman:** Middleweight Orlando Nasul won Antonio "Tonny" Rossi by a TKO in third round.

▲**Salta:** Light heavy Jorge Ahumada won Simeon Gallardo by a TKO in 8.

▲**Neuquen:** Junior welter Luis "Golepa" Cabral outpointed Nicolas Arkuszyn in 10. Feather Hector Chaves beat Omar Canale in 10.

▲**Villaguay:** Light heavy Juan A. Cardozo beat Julio Calvetti by disqualification in 7.

▲**Dolores:** Junior middle Juan Luduena beat Juan Barrientos by disqualification in 4.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Junior middle Miguel Angel Castellini won Ramon Pereyra, ex-Argentine and South America champion.

▲**Gualeguaychu:** Junior lightweight Argentine champion Victor Echegaray next whipped Leandro Pereyra on points, 10.

▲**Salta:** Junior middle Raul O. Pereyra won Domingo Guerrero in seventh round by a medical decision — Lightweights Jose Filippi whipped Armando Rivero in eight.

▲**La Rioja:** Junior middle Pedro Bazan outpointed Pedro Videla in 10.

▲**Villa Angela:** Flyweight Benicio Sosa won Victor Centurion in 9.

▲**Cordoba:** Feather Alberto Luque beat Osvaldo Piedrabuena in seventh round.

▲**La Banda:** Antonio Barbosa, Brasil, beat Juan J. Diaz on a disqualification in third round.

▲**San Justo:** Junior welter Balbidio Ojeda whipped Francisco Fernandez in 10 rounds.

▲**Parana:** Lightheavy Miguel A. Duro kayoed Hector Vilches in first round.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** Lightweight Jorge Gomez kayoed Martin Leiva in six.

▲**Juarez:** In the welter class Anibal Di Lella beat Martin Juarez in 10.

▲**San Nicolas:** Junior welter Fernando Porcel and Oscar Raimundo drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Concordia:** Junior middle Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez and Juan C. Bogado drew in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Feather Ramon Gonzalez won Pedro Aguero on points, 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca:** Feather Oscar "Cachin" Mendez outpointed Carlos Porcel in 10 rounds.

LYLE STOPS RONDON TO MAKE IT 14 STRAIGHT IN TWO YEARS

By GRADY FISHER

DENVER, Col. — Little by little, local heavyweight Ron Lyle demands closer examination for a place among the Top Ten.

Lyle, who has been fighting pro for only two years, has won 14 straight, 12 by KO. He took 10 fights in 1971, and has won 4 in a row in 1972.

Lyle's latest win was a two round stoppage of Vicente Rondon, who previously had been knocked out by Bob Foster.

In 1972, Lyle's record has gone like this; — Chuck Leslie, KO 3, Denver; Scrapiron Johnson, KO 3, Denver; Mel Turnbow, KO 7, Las Vegas; Mike Boswell, KO 4, Omaha.

In 1971, Lyle allowed only Manuel Ramos and Leroy Cardwell to go the advertised limit, the Mexican, 10; Leroy, 5.

Among Lyle's 1971 victims were Big Jack O'Halloran and Bill Drover.

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AN EXPERT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSCLES

Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

Q. *What does it take to build muscles?*

A. Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

Q. *Isn't there an easier way?*

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

Q. *What's that?*

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

Q. *How long does Bullworker training take?*

A. Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day... and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

Q. *How long does it take before you begin getting results?*

A. With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

Jack Barclay, junior Mr. Europe shows the kind of results he achieved with Isometric Bullworker training.

Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps... using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.

Q. *What do those figures mean in visual terms?*

A. They mean that in as little as 14 days you can actually begin to *see* muscle growth in a mirror and *verify* it with a tape measure. Every week thereafter brings ever faster growth.

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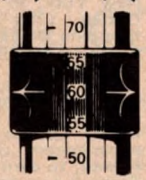

Q. *But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?*

A. Absolutely not. That's the outstanding advantage of Isometric training... it's so amazingly easy! Each "Static-power" Isometric exercise takes *only 7 seconds,* and you barely have to move. It's not even necessary to disrobe. The Bullworker is so light and compact, it can be used at home, in the office, anywhere... even while watching TV! It's a great improvement over bulky, expensive weights, bicycle machines, pulleys, etc.

Q. *Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?*

A. Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle... build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves.... And all this in *record time!*

What's more, I've known skinny, shy fellows who, after just a few short weeks with Bullworker, turned into real go-getters... every inch a man... bowling girls over with their dynamism, confidence, and new found power! You really have to see the remarkable effects of Bullworker for yourself to believe them!

Q. *How can our readers find out more about the Bullworker, perhaps actually try it for themselves?*

A. I understand that the Bullworker distributor in the USA is now making it available—free—on a two week home-trial basis in order to introduce it to the general public. If your readers are interested in developing their bodies, in building muscles and strength faster than ever before possible, I suggest that they contact the US distributor for full details.

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MITCHELL TWICE DEFEATS ● PREACHER LEWIS IN N.E. ●

By DON HAMILL

BOSTON, MASS. — New England boxing slowed to a walk this past month with only a single show being held in most spots. Only Portland, Me., with four shows, kept pace to make it the hottest spot in the region. Mystery man, Jack (Jimmy) Mitchell continued winning by twice taming Fred (Preacher) Lewis.

▲**PORTLAND** — Jimmy (Jack) Mitchell, 170, Peoria, scored an upset ten round decision over Fred (Preacher) Lewis, 179, Colorado Springs, unanimous vote. Mitchell, working from a bob-and-weave, scored with good left hooks and occasional rights to pile up points. Lewis landed the better blows but they were too infrequent.

Cliff McDonald, 205, South Boston, stopped Bob Crutison, 206, White Plains, in the fifth round of the semi-final. Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 147, Lowell, found prancing Don Melosh, 147, White Plains, a difficult target and was held to a split six round duke in a bout needing action.

Kevin (Coley) Dorian, 143, South Boston, used a left hook to kayo Bruce Brown, 147, Tarrytown, N.Y., in the fourth round.

▲**PROVIDENCE** — Boxing returned to Little Rhody after a lapse of several months. Promising Angel Torres, 137, Pawtucket, handed an eight round pounding to Jerry Wells, 143½, New York, to take a unanimous decision. It was Torres' first main event.

Paul Cardoza, 185, New Bedford, returned to action after an extended layoff to stop Billy Rouse, 180, Jersey City, in the third round. John Denis, 210, Attleboro, turned pro after a spectacular amateur career and took a close but unanimous decision over Henry Lawson, 208, Charlotte, N.C.

Tommy Dragon, 172, Esmond, but down giant Sonny Brown, 220, Philadelphia, in the third round. Brown has appeared in New England rings in the past as Richard (Big Pitt) Pittman.

▲**WALPOLE** — Comebacking Juan Botta, 152, Brockton, scored a second round knockout over New England welterweight leader, Al Romano, 148, North Adams. There was little action in the first round but Botta began throwing bombs in the second heat. A right to the side sent Roman writhing on the canvas for the full count.

Don Sennett, 136, Waltham, scored three knockdowns in stopping Glen McFadden, 140, New York, in 2:00 of the first round. Kevin Dorian, 138, South Boston, was impressive dropping Derek Gaddis, 130, White Plains, with a pair of left hooks in the opening seconds of the first heat.

Don Melosh, 145, White Plains, aided by his opponent's long hair easily stopped Don Gordon, 140, Lowell, in the third round. Rocky Lombo, 132, Bridgeport, outlasted an experienced opponent, Juan Colon, 134, Lowell, to earn a split decision in a good fight. Colon is a recent import from Puerto Rico.

▲**BOSTON** — Sam Silverman coupled the closed circuit televised showing of Cassius Clay and Jerry Quarry and Bob Foster's kayo of Mike Quarry with a live show. In the main event, veteran Joe DeNucci, 167, West Newton, had his hands full eking out a razor thin unanimous eight round decision over Cha Cha Cabrera, 169, New York, It was a give-and-take battle with DeNucci building up a good lead and surviving Cabrera's late rally.

Roosevelt Moulden Brown, 174, Dorchester, battered Tracy Morrison, 173, Kansas City, Mo., for six rounds. Richie Villaneuva, 134, Jersey City, stopped Beau Jaynes, 135, Lowell, in the third round of a slated eight spot.

Cliff McDonald, 205, South Boston, battered Indian Tony Burwell, 188, Philadelphia, into helplessness in four rounds. Kevin Dorian, 138, South Boston, won a unanimous four round decision over the seasoned Jose Pagon, 143, Lowell.

▲**PORTLAND** — Larry Butler, 155, Portland, now of the Marines, headed Sam Silverman's live portion of the show staged in conjunction with the closed circuit TV showing of Clay's and Foster's wins. Butler's opponent was Roger Phillips, 151, Pittsfield. Butler scored three knockdowns enroute to his unanimous eight round win. Phillips was down in the second, third, and eighth rounds, and was on the floor at the final bell.

In the only other pro bout, Jerry Tram, 166, New York, gained a six round split decision over lanky Tony Porter, 157, White Plains. Two amateur bouts rounded out the show.

▲**PORTLAND** — Don Sennett, 137, Waltham, picked up an easy win when Lenny Campbell, 140, New York, failed to answer the bell for the third round. Campbell had spent the first two rounds in frantic flight.

Mike Brown, 143, Elizabeth, N.J., scored a unanimous six round decision over Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 149, Lowell, in a dreary bout. Pagon has recently been using the name of Rivera in Maine rings. In another six spot, Angel Merced, 176, New York, took a similar decision over Bob Green, 190, also of New York.

▲**PORTLAND** — Jimmy Mitchell, 168½, now listed as from Boston, repeated his earlier win over Fred (Preacher) Lewis, 179, Colorado Springs, by copping a unanimous ten round decision. Mitchell built up points with clever maneuvering and counter-punching. He had the veteran Lewis missing badly while Mitchell's right hand counters were unerringly sharp. It was reported to have been Mitchell's thirteenth fight??

Juan Botta, 157, Brockton, was awarded a third round TKO over Roger Phillips, 157, Pittsfield, who quit in the third round after having built up a lead in the first two sessions. Gerry Vaughan, 179, Brockton, earned a unanimous win in six heats over Willie Mack, 170, New York.

This past month was a sad one for the writer who lost two friends of long standing. Ring Magazine boss, Nat Fleischer, had been a friend since the mid-1930's. Boxing has suffered a tremendous loss. . .Also going to his reward was Billy Conway, veteran referee from Connecticut, who handled most of the big fights in the Nutmeg state. Billy was 81. . .Barbara Dunn, commissioner of consumer controls in Connecticut, will have control of boxing from her office. She has not, as yet, seen a boxing show but she is anxious to learn about it. . .Nick Priviti, who made a comeback a few years ago as Billy Wallace, has been appointed to the Massachusetts slate of boxing judges.

● ALONG THE VBA TRAIL ●

By SCOOP GALLELLO

VBA RING #56. . .Syracuse held its 5th annual banquet at the St. Louis Club in that city. Being honored were the late Eddie "Babe" Risko, Paul Swiderski, Billy Harris, Billy Leonard, Bill Reddy, Nick Michaels, Kid Polo, and Johnny Montreal.

The widow of Babe Risko will be present to accept honors. Risko defeated Teddy Yarosz for the world middleweight title.

Ring #9. . .Passaic & Bergen Counties, N.J. — are holding their annual bash on Dec. 16., at Vecchiarello's in Little Ferry, N.J.

Ring #32. . .Detroit, recently held its 6th. annual dinner at the Sheraton-Cadillac. Honored were Prexy Lou Handler, former heavyweight Roscoe Toles, who was the recipient of the "Johnnie Addie" Award; Morrie Sherman, former Michigan Welter Champ; and Jim Brodie, who captured the Ed Wagon-Lander Award. Honored guests were former flyweight king Corporal Izzy Schwartz and Irv Silverman—Secretary of the International VBA. Johnny Lebow was chairman.

Joseph R. Pisani. . .Chief Attorney for the International VBA, N.Y. State Assemblyman, is running for Senate this coming election.

Isaiah James "Jack" Chase. . .former Light-heavy boxer, recently passed away at 55. He boxed between 1942-1947, meeting Archie Moore six times. Chase lost 10-15-10 round decisions to Moore, and was stopped once in 9 rounds by the "Old Mongoose". They also boxed a 10 round draw, while Chase won a 15 round decision.

S. Stephen Grimm, Sr. . .former owner of the Grimm Athletic Club in West Philadelphia, passed away at 72. Grimm worked mostly with Golden Glovers.

Dr. Max Novich. . .well known orthopedic surgeon from Perth Amboy, N.J. who is a stout "boxing man," has been retained as a member of the medical jury of the International Amateur Boxing Association which competes in the Olympics in Munich.

The International VBA convention. . .hosted by #14 of New Jersey, takes place October 27-28-29th at Mount Airy Lodge, Poconos, Penn.

Ring 30. . .Westchester County, — recently held its 7th Annual Dinner-Dance at Trinchi's in Yonkers. Honored, Frankie Ryff, Kenny Sheahan, Ben Sousa, George Rugg and Jimmy Vee. Also honored, and inducted into the county boxing Hall of Fame, Al Tripoli and Johnny Rocco. More than 400 people were in attendance with such fistic luminaries as Petey Scalzo, Tami Mauriello, Phil Terranova, Tony Janiro, Sam Taub, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Irv Silverman, Bob Brandt, Dan Sabia, Lou Salica and Chico Vejar on the Dais.

The 4th. Annual New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Sept. 24. at Diamond Jim's in Matawan, N.J. Being inducted are Johnny "Kid" Alberts, K.O. Phil Kaplan, Mickey Brietkopf, Tippy Larkin, Joey Harrison, Owen McCabe and Jersey Joe Walcott. For tickets write to Adrian Bailey, 1206 Doris Ave., Wanamassa, N.J. Come early, dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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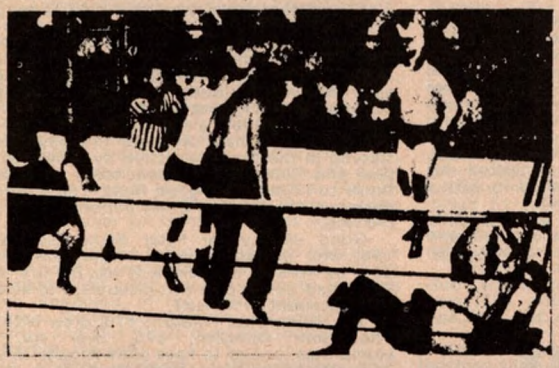

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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British, European and Commonwealth, and barred no one. He took part in eliminators when other boxers turned down the chance, and got his titles the hard way.

Bodell first won the British crown in 1969, when Cooper gave it up. He lost to Cooper when the latter returned to the ring after an injury, Joe Bugner outpointed Cooper in 1971, Cooper retired, Bugner defended against Bodell in the same year, and Jack won on points.

The Commonwealth crown was also at stake, so McAlinden is now British and Commonwealth champion. His next fight could be a defense of the latter crown against Canadian George Chuvalo.

Meanwhile, both McAlinden and Bugner want a shot at the European title held by Jurgen Blin, of Germany. Bugner may get this which would mean that when McAlinden defends against Bugner, as he must do one day, three titles could be at stake.

This is the big-money fight of the future. Several of Britain's leading promoters will be chasing this one.

Official manager of McAlinden is George Middleton, who guided Randolph Turpin to the world middleweight title. But when George was ill, the "caretaker-manager" was Jack Solomons, who said afterwards that the plan was for Danny to win inside four rounds.

A lot of the credit must also go to Eddie Thomas, former manager of Ken Buchanan, who trained Danny in Wales for this contest.

This was the first open-air show in Britain for five years, and, even so, it was hit by rain in the afternoon which kept the attendance down. It didn't stop until five o'clock, but the disappointment of promoters Jack Solomons and Alex Griffiths (estimated crowd 4,000), must have been lightened by the result.

The retirement of Bodell means that all the top British heavyweights are now under 30 years old, with McAlinden 25, Bugner 22, and prospect John Conteh 21.

In the chief support on the Bodell-McAlinden bill, Bunny Johnson, Jamaica, 187, made up for two previous defeats, against Roger Tighe, Hull, 200, outpointing him by 40-38½ over eight.

Tighe was a late substitute, and had cuts by both eyes. A southpaw, he right-jabbed as often as he was allowed to, but Johnson was in charge throughout.

Johnson has alternated between cruiserweight and heavyweight during his career, without really discovering which is his best division. If he continues to box like this he should stick with the "big boys."

It's six in a row for Frank Carpenter, Coventry, 192, who outscored Welsh champion Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, 188½, over eight by 39¾-39.

A good all-action scrap, with Carpenter the better boxer and Avoth showing plenty of determination.

Dave Cranswick, Cardiff, 146½, stopped Canadian Terry Hayward, 147, in the first round. An inept display by Hayward, who came to Britain with a good reputation, having twice met Donato Paduano.

Cranswick landed a copy of good punches right at the start, Hayward covered up and continued to do so, whereupon Dave continued his assault, the referee quickly intervening with Hayward in no position to defend himself.

Phil Bryant, Cardiff, 126, beat Freddie Williams, Nuneaton, 126½, who was disqualified in the seventh for persistent holding. Williams seemed a bit unlucky to be so severely treated.

Johnny Croll, Glasgow, 146½, is certainly a big draw. He gained his fifth draw this year, and looked a little unlucky not to have got the verdict over Tony Poole, Jettering, 142, in their six-rounder.

It was Croll's tenth bout without defeat this year and he shows a lot of promise.

Randolph Turpin, Leamington, 169, outpointed Barry Clough, Bradford, 175½, over six by 30-28¾. Not a fight to enthuse over. Turpin did the cleaner work.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Swansea** — Welsh bantam champion Colin Miles, Cardiff, put the cat among the pigeons by stopping Scottish title-holder John Kellie, Dundee, in five rounds.

The weights were not disclosed, presumably to protect Kellie, who is officially the leading contender for the British title. This defeat undoubtedly put him out of the running.

Kellie, inactive since being stopped by Johnny Clark eight months earlier, looked confident at the start, allowing Miles to do the forcing, then counter-punching to good effect.

This continued for the first three rounds, but in the following session Miles at last began to get through his opponent's guard, and a good right hand to the face floored Kellie.

In the fifth Miles kept up the pressure, never allowing his man to settle, and another right to the chin had Kellie wobbling, whereupon the referee intervened.

A close fight ended with Maurice Thomas, Antigua, 164, outscoring Mike McCluskie, Caerau, 165, over eight. Thomas was just that much busier.

Good debut by Chuck Jones, Swansea, 166, who kayoed John Smith, Glasgow, with 25 seconds of the first round still to go. Jones shot out of his corner like a bullet, and the finisher was a right to the chin.

Jeff Burns, Swansea, 159, outpointed Clive Collins, Llantwit, 159, over six by 30-28¾. The latter showed up well in his first pro fight.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Noel McIvor, Luton, is the new Southern Area lightweight champ, winning the vacant crown by stopping Alan Salter, Peckham, 132¾, in two rounds.

Salter was willing enough to have a fight, perhaps too willing, for he neglected his defence, and McIvor quickly cashed in with a right to the jaw early in the second.

Alan's second mistake was to get up quickly instead of taking advantage of the count, and McIvor gave him no rest, punching away with both hands to cause the stoppage.

Peter Brisland, Southampton, 168¼, outscored Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 171, over eight by 39¾-39, being a little too fast and accurate for his opponent.

Former World featherweight champion Howard Winstone saw his heavyweight protege Mal Isaacs, Merthyr, 192½, put up an impressive showing in his pro debut by outpointing Albert Austin, Jamaica, 213, over six, by 30-29½.

Isaacs came out punching, and continued non-stop with Austin having to resort to clinching on occasion. When Austin did manage to land a few rights, Isaacs took them well.

Kevin White, Wells, 151½, floored Rod Griffiths, Harlesden, 151½, in the second and stopped him in the fourth.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — With American Jimmy Dupree indisposed, Johnny Frankham could have been forgiven for believing he had a softer touch in substitute Eddie Duncan from Philadelphia. But such proved not to be the case.

Frankham, Reading, 176½, could get only a draw, and this was a fair result. "Gypsy" Johnny normally enjoys a bit of clowning, but found no time for this as he worked hard to score points.

Duncan didn't have Johnny's class, but he did compensate by his persistent aggression, and this worried Frankham at times. In fact, the American revealed a lot of maturity for one who has had only seven bouts. He is tall, and used this to advantage to keep his man at bay.

In the sixth Frankham's left eye was cut, which prompted Duncan to throw everything into the attack, Johnny standing up well under pressure. All credit to Duncan for seizing his opportunity. An excellent display for a substitute.

Paddy Maguire, Belfast, 117¾, named to meet Johnny Clark for the vacant British bantam title, stopped Frenchman Michel Jamet, 121, in seven, Jamet signalling that he could not continue after taking a right to the body that floored him.

Peter Freeman, Bolton, 201, stopped Dave Roden, Birmingham, 200, on an eye injury in the sixth and final round. Roden was down in the fifth.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Tommy Sobles, Leeds, 135, outpointed George Evans, Merthyr, 139, over eight by 39½-39¼. It was as close as the score suggests, reflecting credit on both boxers, and a fine performance by Evans, who came in as a substitute for Gary Yean.

The patrons enjoyed it so much that they tossed in nobbins to the value of 35 pounds.

Sobles got the edge because of his aggression, and although Evans countered well, he couldn't keep his opponent at bay. In the fourth Evans looked shaken when one or two of Sobles' rights to the head crashed through his guard, but he recovered well.

In the final session Evans was cut by the left eye, but by then it was too late for Sobles to take advantage and he had to settle for a points win.

The White brothers from Wells experienced mixed fortunes. Kevin, 150, stopped Roy Stevens, 150, in five, decking him twice in that round. And Liam, 144, was halted by Barton McAllister, Clapham, 141½, in the sixth. Liam was floored for eight, when the referee intervened.

Billy Brooks, Chiswick, 167, outscored Les Avoth, Cardiff, 159½, over six by 29¾-29½.

▲**Cliffs Pavilion, Southend** — Pat Dwyer, Bootle, 163, the Central Area middleweight champion, took away the unbeaten record of Welshman Billy May, Newport, 163, outscoring him over eight, by 39¾-39.

Dwyer used his experience to good effect, hooking well to the body, and was good value for his win.

Les Stevens, Reading, weighing 196, his heaviest yet, made heavy weather of outpointing Charlie White, 205, American-born, Jamaican-raised, now living in Northampton, over eight, by 40-39.

Last time out White was kayoed in one by Graham Sines, but apart from one period in the third, Charlie never looked in real trouble, and Stevens appeared to settle for a comfortable points win.

This was Stevens' ninth in a row.

Late substitute Mickey Finn, Central Area welter champion, outpointed Jimmy Fairweather, Jamaica, over eight by 39¾-39. Southpaw Flynn had things much his own way.

Fairweather never gave up trying to get past Flynn's defences, but the latter overcame a cut by the left eye in the fifth and coasted home.

Southpaw Charlie Cooper, Southampton, 147, continued his winning way, making it eight in a row by outpointing Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 147, over eight by 40-39¼, which means he didn't lose a round.

Yet Charlie had one bad moment, being floored in the opening session by a right to the jaw, and Simpson also launched a grandstand finish to round off a good fight. The score-line flattered Cooper, and £7 in nobbins came into the ring.

Good victory for Peter Blake, Southend, 148, who outscored Keith White, East Ham, 147, by 40-39½ over eight. It was the first time Blake had boxed over this distance, and he gave a fine account of himself.

Vic Humphries, Kilburn, 176, drew with Pat Thompson, Islington, 175, over six, yet Humphries looked to have done enough to win. A section of the crowd booed this one.

Mick Frampton, Southampton, outscored Mickey Lynch, over six by 30-28¾ in a featherweight bout. Frampton's greater accuracy got him home with a bit to spare.

Every bout went the full distance, a tribute to matchmaker Ernie Fossey, who is also a manager, and whom I have known since he himself boxed with success as a lightweight in the fifties, once fighting in an eliminator for the British title.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — Dave Needham, Nottingham, 118, made it 14 wins in 14 fights by easily outscoring Northern Ireland champion Paddy Graham, 119, over eight, by 40-38½.

In this all-southpaw bout both did a lot of positive work, with Needham supplying the aggression and Graham the countering. By the half-way stage Dave had taken control, and in spite of a spirited rally by Graham in the sixth Needham gradually quickened the pace with piston-like right jabs to the face and lefts to the body.

Needham's manager, Johnny Pritchett, is wise to keep young Needham out of any eliminating contests for the British title until he has had a little more experience. He does look championship-material.

Fine debut by Arthur Winfield, Draycott, 150½, who stopped Bobby Ruffe, Swansea, 153¾, in five. Ruffe actually retired because a cut on his nose was interfering with his breathing, but Winfield had established his authority by that time.

Chick Jones, Swansea, 171, stopped John Judson, Liverpool, 174, in two. Judson was decked in the first round by a right to the jaw, and in the next session had a cut over the right eye which led to the referee intervening. Jones just punched too hard.

Phil Watford, West Ham, 171, returned after a long period of inactivity and outpointed Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 172, over six, by 29¾-29.

Not an exciting fight, but Watford improved as the bout went on, and having got over his ring-rust, deserved his victory.

BROOKS SAYS GOODNIGHT ●AGAINST ELLIS IN SECOND●

By HANK KAPLAN

BISCAYNE KEY, FLORIDA — Jimmy Ellis, 198, made it two straight in fresh starts as he flattened Reco Brooks, 213, Phoenix, who came highly-touted as a conqueror of Ron Stander. Jimmy landed a good right hand and a left hook to shake Brooks. A right uppercut decked him in the second round.

Eddie Eckert, the referee, counted Brooks out to give Ellis a new lease on his boxing life. The show, presented by Chris Dundee, was for the benefit of the Society of Artistic Children and drew well for the local chapter headed by cartoonist Morris Weiss.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Florentino Fernandez, 173, pounded to the body of Paul Kasper, 176, Orlando, usually rugged competitor, to a first round knockout.

In a scheduled six rounder, Angel Estavez, 163, Miami, stopped Mike Maret, 170, Miami, in round three.

In another sixer, Cliff Johnson, 154, Fort Lauderdale, gained a decision over Henry Mitchell, 158, Gainesville.

In amateur contests, John Locker, 140, Miami, stopped Robert Banks, 140, Miami, while George Larkowitz, Miami, 113, dropped the three round duke to Jay Roy, 109, Miami Beach.

The benefit promotion by Chris Dundee, in which Ellis and Fernandez took pay cuts, was held in the Marine Stadium on Biscayne Key.

▲Winning his 13th straight and featured in his first main-event, Randy Clark, 205, Miami, captured a unanimous decision over Freddy Williams, 196, Brooklyn, at the Marine Stadium.

In a Chris Dundee promotion, Randy Clark, drawing support from local "hard hats", dropped Williams in the late rounds of their ten rounder and hurt his opponent in other instances. Williams proved a problem for Clark, former U.S. Marine and local football star.

In a ten rounder, more a pier-sixer than a tea party, Carl Baker, 187, Kingston, Jamaica, showing in a Miami ring for the first time, won a squeaker from Vernon McIntosh, 183, Savannah. Baker came on strong in the early rounds but tired in the late sessions as Vernon picked up the tempo. McIntosh made it close but was unable to compensate for his earlier setback.

J. T. Dowe, 143, Tampa, was an impressive winner over Roscoe Bell, 148, Cocoa, as he exploded with good combinations to stop his tough opponent in the sixth round of an 8 rounder. Dowe had bombed out Larry Adkins recently and this result over Bell indicates he is no flash in the pan.

In a four rounder, Leroy Walker, 137, decked out like he was heading for a ball, unfrocked prior to the opening bell and showed some ability as he outscored Joe Lacca, 140, Miami.

▲At Hialeah, in his first promotion off Miami Beach, Mel Ziegler tried boxing on a Sunday and lost. At the Municipal Auditorium, about 500 viewers watched local hero Roberto Ayala, a junior welterweight in the Frankie Otero stable, gain a third round TKO over Prentice Clark, of Jacksonville.

Ayala had his way from the start and referee Cy Gottfried, seeing the futility of Clark's attempt against the beating he was taking, halted the action in the scheduled ten rounder.

In an eight round contest, Nat King, middleweight from Douglas, Georgia, outscored Joe Murchison, Jacksonville. It was King all the way.

In another scheduled 8 round bout, Rene Kinsey, Miami heavyweight, kayoed Gene Idolette, Vero Beach, in the second round.

In a four, Ralph Coley, Hollywood lightweight, repeated with a decision over Andre Gueverra, Caracas.

Miami Beach saw Tommy Hicks, upstate New York schoolteacher, gave away about twenty pounds, at 178, and flailed Brian O'Melia, 198, Jersey City, to win the unanimous decision. This was Mel Ziegler's last show at the Miami Beach Auditorium prior to the political conventions.

In a scheduled 8 round contest, Nat King knocked out Pleze Williams, Philadelphia, in the third round, of a middleweight bout.

In another scheduled eight rounder, Rene Kinsey, Miamy heavyweight, kayoed Tommy Howard in the fourth round. Howard hails from Central Florida.

In a sixer, Marcel Clay, protege of Duane Simpson, outpointed Ritchie Smith, Miami veteran middleweight.

▲**MIAMI** — With the Olympic games not too far off, at Munich, interest in amateur boxing is at top level all over the country, especially in this area. Weekly shows at Coconut Grove have attracted large turnouts and have produced interesting competition. For once, the major aim seems to be not graduation into the pros but promotion among the Simon pures.

Recent bouts in the City of Miami gym saw:

▲**COCONUT GROVE, FLA.** — Sammy Torino stopped Clarence O'Bannon in the first round of a featherweight duel. In a lightweight contest, Emil Anternor, Miami, was declared winner in round two over Dick Jordan, when the latter's corner surrendered.

Ritchie Lee Roberts, Miami, made it 11 straight as he decisioned Lou Mathews, Avon Park, in a lightweight contest.

Jimmy Baker, Avon Park, stopped Charles Fryson, Miami, in a light heavyweight battle. In a welterweight contest, Mike Aregood halted John Burgess in one.

Middleweight Sammy Masias, Miami, punched out a second round TKO over Willie Lee Bryson, Avon Park.

Jim Grayson, Avon Park featherweight, kayoed Hal Burton, Miami, in round one.

Light heavyweight Mike Taylor, Miami, stopped Charlie (Red) Grounds in round two. This was Grounds' first contest.

Coconut Grove saw another show in which Ritchie Lee Roberts, 133, Miami, took his twelfth consecutive win in stride as he pounded out a decision over Emil Antenor, 132, Miami. Ricky Thompson, 150, scored a two round TKO over Levet Jordan, 152. Sam Masias, 150, Miami, stopped Joe Louis in round one.

Dennis Filton, 212, beat Jon Leing, 190, on a judges' verdict. Vince Maneli, 130, outpointed Jimmy Robinson, 124. Ray Delancey, 142, and Alfred Joyner, 140, battled to a draw.

Bert Strachen, 136, outscored Jerry Dollard, 135. Benjamin Sanchez, 159, took a points win over Michael Taylor, 152.

▲Once again at Coconut Grove, Milton Blankston, 180, Miami, scored a third round TKO over Ben Hammond, 191, when Hammond suffered a cut eye.

Omar Sanchez, 121, defeated Jerry Jones, 120, on a three round decision. Glen Rutherford, 150, outscored George Hernandez, 147. Juan Dicastro, 192, Miami, defeated Ron Plantio, 205. Jesse Walker, 135, Miami, outpointed Robert Wilson, 133. Ricky Thompson, 149½, Southwest Miami, outpunched Larry Oliver, 147.

Emil Antenor, 130, took the decision from Willie Walker, 133. Carl Johnson, 188, kept on the winning side with a points win over James Allen, 190.

Oriville Sandlin and son Greg attended a show at the Miami Boxing Gym, not as spectators, but as participants, with neither bringing home the bacon. While the family unit failed to bring home a trophy between them they showed plenty of courage in trying. Ringsiders could not recall when Father and Son appeared on the same card locally.

Unbeaten welterweight Sammy Masias scored a second round TKO over Larry Brown in the main event at the amateur boxing card.

Orville Sandlin, whose son Greg dropped a decision earlier in the program, was a third round TKO victim over Bruce Martin in their heavyweight bout.

Bobby Cabera, 132, defeated Greg Sandlin, 130, on points. Lenny Russo, 145, won a split decision over George Hernandez, 143. Kenny Kitchens, 165, kayoed Randy Smith, 164, after one minute. Johnny Robinson, 128, kayoed Robert Wilson, 135, in the second round. Tony Nelson, 154, beat Glen Rutherford, 152, on a judges' verdict. Mike Aregood, 145, knocked out Roy Delaney, 145, in the second round.

From an amateur show produced by Dick Lee, over the past 20 years, about 500 fans left happily from the Gym in Dinner Key.

Carl Johnson, 205, defeated Maxwell White, 210, in the main event giving White his first loss in his amateur career dating back to 1970.

James Brown, 130, and Johnny Robinson, 132, drew after three rounds. Ritchie Lee Roberts, Miami, won his thirteenth straight, at 131, over Lou Mathews, 135, Avon Park.

Mike Aregood, 143, Miami, was a second round TKO winner over Joe Williams, 145, Avon Park. Kenny Kitchens, 173, Miami, defeated Tommy White, 175, on a first round K.O. "Red" Grounds, 175, Miami, won a third round decision over Milton Blankston, 177, Avon Park. Howard Lee, 186, Miami, defeated John Ballard, 190, Avon Park on a first round knockout.

Gene Leonard, 150, Miami decisioned Lee Bradley, 147, Avon Park. Clarence Thomas, 190, Avon Park, kept his winning streak going by taking a points win over Buddy Tucker, 212, Miami. Eddie Scott, Miami, and Jimmy Parella, Miami, drew in a middleweight contest.

In a show under the auspices of the Florida Gold Coast AAU, under the directorship of Grover Barron, the following bouts took place at the Milander Stadium:

Tom Boultbee, 125, won a decision over Paul Roth, 122. John Henry Jones, 204, 1971 Novice Florida AAU champion, won his ninth straight as he took a points win over Joe Lockhart, 220.

Oliver Wright, 179, Jamaica's representative to Munich for the upcoming Olympic Games, stopped Nathaniel Gates, 178, Miami, in round three.

Rick Wilkerson, 134, Boston, showing a wealth of class, scored a second round TKO over gritty Rocky Snyder, 140.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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from Fernando Atzori, Italy, in March last, and decisioned his Spanish challenger, Romero Garcia.

In Copenhagen, Roger Menetrey, France, kayoed the undefeated Dane Jorgen Hansen in the tenth but did not get everything his own way.

Some even asked what right Hansen had to be in the same ring with the champion. Menetrey certainly knew he had been in a fight.

European junior middleweight champion Jose Hernandez, Spain, was not so fortunate as Chervet and Menetrey for he lost his crown to the 36 year-old Carlos Duran, Italy, one hot night in San Remo

Georges Carpentier, now 78, has been presented with the Legion D'Honeur, one of Frances great honours. The presentation was made by Prime Minister Jacques Chaban Delmas.

▲**Genoa** — Bruno Arcari, Italy, successfully retained his WBA junior welterweight crown beating Joao Henrique at the two minute fifteen second spot of round twelve at the Sportpalace. It was after eleven o'clock before the fight got under way after Nino Benvenuti and Duilio Loi had been introduced from the ring.

Manager Rocco Agostino now hopes that Arcari will meet Jose Napoles in Italy where the world champion is willing to put his crown at stake for $80,000. Arcari was cut about the right eye in round five and it bled badly. The situation looked critical for the Italian and one wondered if the fight might be stopped.

Round six was even with Arcari not taking any chances with his cut eye. In frame nine Henrique went to the canvas but referee, Harry Gibbs, Britain, did not take up the count. The end came in round twelve when a straight left sent Henrique to the canvas for the full count.

Henrique's jaw was broken in the sixth and treatment was necessary after the match.

Heavyweight Mario Baruzzi, Italy, beat Expedit Mountcho, KO2. Welterweight Eddie Blay, Ghana, beat Guy Vercoutter, France, TKO 5. Junior welterweight Piero Ceru, Italy, decisioned Jose Petterson, Puerto Rico, ten. Luciano DeLuca beat Giorgio Braconi, TKO 8. Welterweight. Mario Belsole beat Mario Petrillo, TKO4.

ITALY

▲**Bergamo:** Ferdinando Ripamonti, Italy, outpointed Omar Cabrera, Spain, eight.

▲**Milan:** Junior middleweight Silvano Bertini, Italy, outpointed Jesus Chucho Garcia, Mexico, ten. Lightweight Joao Dos Santos, Brazil, decisioned Enzo Petriglia, Italy, eight. Light heavyweight Emile Oke Griffith beat Gianfranco Macchia, Italy, TKO4.

▲**Bologna:** Junior welterweight Bruno Arcari, Italy, beat Jose Peterson, Puerto Rico, who was disqualified in the fourth. Middleweight Dante Lazzari outscored Aurelio de Rossie, eight. Welterweight Mario Belsole, Italy, outscored Sala Arafa, France, eight.

▲**Livorno:** Flyweight Dino Cortemori outpointed Michele Spina, eight.

▲**Schio:** Heavyweight Bepsi Ros, Italy, outpointed Vasco Fausthivo, Brazil, eight.

▲**Rimini:** Tommaso Galli, Italy, retained his European junior lightweight crown beating Luis Aisa, Spain, TKO11. Featherweight Domenico Angeli outpointed Luigi Sorangelo, eight. Bantamweight William Murgida, Italy, decisioned Jose Lopez Gallego, Spain, six.

▲**Turin:** Elio Cotena outpointed Giovanni Girgenti to win the Italian featherweight crown, twelve. Heavyweight Mario Baruzzi, Italy, decisioned Vasco Fausthino, Brazil, ten. Welterweight Domenico Dilorio beat Vladimiro Riga, TKO5. Junior middleweight Walter Guernieri outscored Salah Arafa, eight. Lightweight Gerardo Esposito beat Nicola D'Orazio who was disqualified in the seventh.

▲**Arezzo:** Welterweight Marco Scano, Italy, beat Lawrence Ekpeli, Nigeria, TKO4.

▲**Cagliari:** Lightweight Antonio Puddu beat Carmelo Coscia, TKO 2. Eddie Blay, Ghana, decisioned Johnny White, USA, eight.

▲**Novara:** Efisio Pinna beat Itala Biscotti, KO12 to win the vacant lightweight crown of Italy. Junior lightweight Oronzo Pesare, Italy, outpointed Paul Ikamapuyi, Nigeria, eight.

▲**Reggio Emilia:** Heavyweight Dane Cane, Italy, beat Christian Poncelet, France, TKO4. Adriano Rosati, Italy, outscored Getulio Buene, Brazil, six. Martin Figueroa, Argentina, beat Gianni Mingardi, Italy, TKO4.

▲**Taranto:** Junior lightweight Domenico Chiloiro outscored Dom Prezioso, ten.

▲**Chiavari:** Lightheavyweight Aldo Traversaro beat Raffaele Majo, TKO4. Bantamweight Jean Pierre Hainault, France, beat Angelo Boi, Italy, TKO2. Salvatore Fabrizio, Italy, outscored Michel Jamet, France, eight.

▲**Roccacorgo:** Junior welterweight Tommaso Marocco outpointed Enrico Barlatti, eight.

▲**Albegna:** Welterweight Luciano Mugliarisi beat Angelo Tomasini who was disqualified in the third.

▲**Piombino:** Bantamweight Giuliano Mastellaro outscored Giomaria Pinna, ten. Lightweight Nedo Fabbri beat Gianni Locci, KO3.

▲**Pistoia:** Light heavyweight Sergio Jannilli outpointed Renzo Grespan, eight. Light heavyweight Ray Adonis beat Vlado Blasetio, TKO2. Featherweight Bruno Pieracci beat Nevio Carbi who was disqualified in the fifth. Middleweight Mario Almanzo beat Mario Coiro, TKO5.

▲**Vigevano:** Bantamweight Luigi Tessarin outscored Giuseppe Fascella, eight.

▲**Sassari:** Bantamweight Efisio Onide drew an eight rounder with Ferninando Ripamonti.

▲**Cagliari:** Antonio Puddu, Italy, outpointed Felix Brami, ten. Brami was decied in the ninth.

▲**San Remo:** 36-year-old Italian Carlos Duran decisioned deaf and mute Jose Fernandez, Spain, 15 and became the new European junior middleweight champion. It was a hard and close battle with no knockdowns. Duran was middleweight champion until he lost his crown to Jacques Bouttier on June 9th last year. In 1968 Duran made a defense against German Jupp Elze and the latter died a week or so later.

▲**Porto Torres:** Featherweight Giuliano Lai outpointed Ben Salah Abdesselem, eight.

▲**Genoa:** Bantamweight Salvatore Fabrizio outscored Luigi Tessarin, eight. Welterweight Domenico Di Iorio decisioned Vasco Armstrong, eight.

▲**Santa Teresa:** Lightweight Antonio Puddu, Italy, outscored Felix Brami, France, over ten rounds. Sulley Shittu, (Ghana) outpointed Claude Lapinte (France) eight.

FRANCE

▲**Blois:** Middleweight Gerard Cola outscored Jean Baptiste Rolland, ten.

▲**Cannes:** Middleweight Gratien Tonna, France, beat Remo Golfarini, Italy, KO2. Vincente Parra beat Lionel Mercier, TKO3. Daniel Vermandere held on to his French featherweight crown with a decision over Robert Porcel, twelve.

▲**Orleans:** Welterweight Yvon Mariolle, France, drew a ten rounder with Cosimo Convertino, Italy.

▲**Saint Pourcain:** Lightweight Dominque Azzaro beat Claude Thomias, KO7.

▲**Auinoye:** Welterweight Sylvain Lucchesi, Belgium beat Michel Briatte, France, TKO4.

▲**Troyes:** Lightweight Raymond Dautueille drew an eight rounder with Kid Rainbow.

▲**Darmental:** Dramane Ouedrago beat Joel Le Guern, TKO7.

▲**Tourcoing:** Junior middleweight Jacques Kechichian drew with Francis Vermandere, ten. Lightweight Ould Makloufi outscored Kid Rainbow, eight. Welterweight Rene Senechal outpointed Michel Briatte, six.

▲**Dunkirk:** Bernard Creton outscored Ahmed Ait, ten. Jo Kimpwani outpointed Carlo Sambusiti, eight.

▲**Paris:** Lightweight Leonard Tavarez beat Kouider Meftah, TKO3. Dominique Azzoro decisioned Mohamed Ben Said, eight. Jean Piedvache beat Jean Pierre Guenon, TKO4.

▲**Marseilles:** French middleweight champion Fabio Bettini, held on to his crown, beating Gratien Tonna, who called it a day in frame nine after collecting a cut eye. The laceration to the left optical came early in the fight from a right hook. Tonna did well in the first three rounds and it was unfortunate for him that this handicap allowed Bettini to get on top. The fight came a little too early for Tonna for in facing the champion he met an experienced boxer who knows his trade.

▲**Paris:** Carlos Monzon (29) held on to his world middleweight crown beating Jean Claude Bouttier (28), TKO13. Featherweight Ben Hassan beat Robert Porcel, TKO3. Baldassari Picon decisioned Rene Roque for the French junior lightweight title, twelve. Middleweight Max Cohen beat John O'Brien, TKO2. Ernie Burns decisioned Gerald Cola, eight. Junior welterweight Daniel Gonzales beat Joseph Sossou, TKO6. Light heavyweight Karl Heinz Klein drew a six rounder with H. Sagueru.

▲**Bolougne:** Lightweight Daniel Ringuet outscored Mouloum Abika, eight.

▲**Beausoleil:** Flyweight Alain Lecog drew an eight framer with Zebellini.

▲**Leon:** Flyweight Mariano Garcia beat Gonzales Aspron, TKO8.

▲**Orleans:** Robert Galois beat Yvone Mariolle, KO5 to hold on to his French welterweight crown.

▲**Maur:** Lightweight Jean Piedvache scored his fourteenth win beating Rene Pigny, eight. Featherweight Daniel Lecoz outscored Angelo d'Aleo, eight.

▲**Marseilles:** Light heavyweight Ba Sounkalo kayoed Emile Oke Griffith, eight. Junior middleweight Simon Bellaiche, France, outpointed John Tiger, Nigeria, eight.

▲**Pessac:** Lightweight Mohamed Yazidi drew an eight rounder with Rabah Handi.

▲**Nimes:** Lightweight Henri Nesi beat Ray Dauteuille, TKO10. Junior lightweight Marius Cordier outscored Jean Pierre Hainault, eight.

▲**Grenoble:** French lightweight champion, Jean Pierre LeJaouen, lost his crown to Dominique Azzaro, twelve.

SPAIN

▲**Las Palmas:** Welterweight Jose Pardo beat Domingo Barrera Corpas who was disqualified in the eighth. Ramiro Suarez decisioned Jose Bisbal to win the vacant Spanish featherweight crown, twelve.

▲**Madrid:** Welterweight Famaso Dongil decisioned Danny Turpin eight. Bantamweight Mariana Garcia outpointed Jose Gallego, eight. Daniel R. Figueroa outpointed Waldino Lopez, eight.

▲**Barcelona:** Bantamweight Augustin Senin, Spain, decisioned Enro Farinelli, Italy, eight. Junior middleweight Jos Duran, Spain, beat Jean Baptiste Rolland, France, TKO4. Junior welterweight Paperito beat Paolo Russo, KO1. Jose Antonio Blasco beat Giuseppe Carboneri, TKO4.

▲**Miranda de Ebro:** Junior lightweight Rodolfo Sanchez outpointed Manuel Alcala, ten.

▲**Salamanca:** Gitano Jiminez held on to his Spanish junior lightweight title in a draw with Aquilivo Guarido, twelve. Lightweight Paperito beat Palacio, TKO3.

▲**Barcelona:** European featherweight champion Jose Legra was surprisingly decisioned by Jonathan Dele, Nigeria, in a non title ten rounder. The Spaniard took a mandatory count in round four. European bantamweight champion, Augustin Senin, Spain, outpointed Romy Guelas, Philippines, ten, with no title at stake. Junior middleweight Jose Duran beat Dorman Crawford, TKO3. Bob Allotey beat Rodriguez Figueroa, TKO3. Juan Pena lost to Juan Flores, TKO7.

▲**Zaragoza:** Kid Tano retained his Spanish lightweight title beating Fernando Bermejo, KO3. Lightweight Juan Pena beat Albert Flores, TKO4. Junior welterweight Vincent Seba beat Kid Salami, KO1.

▲**Mataro:** Bantamweight Antonio Tenza beat Jose Salvador, KO1.

▲**Miranda:** Junior lightweight Rodolfo Sanchez outscored Jose Maria Rey, eight.

▲**Madrid:** Jose Urtain, Spain, lost his European heavyweight title being outpointed by German Jurgen Blin, fifteen. Ray Anderson, USA, outscored Gregorio Peralta, ten. Junior middleweight Jorge Fernandez, Argentine, outscored Nojim Maiyegun, Nigeria, ten, but the verdict was disputed by many. Welterweight Famoso Dongil drew with Juan Jose Pardo, eight.

▲**La Coruna:** Welterweight Jose Gonzalez Dopico, Spain, beat Danny Turpin, Nigeria, KO2. Junior welterweight Mimouin Mohator beat Luis Villalobos, KO2.

▲**Bilbao:** Junior middleweight Jose Duran beat Tony Orlando who was disqualified in the second. Junior welterweight Paperito beat Carlos Almeida, KO1. Horacio Ruiz beat Carlos Anjos, KO1. Heavyweight Casimiro Martinez beat Tony Augusto, KO1.

▲**Gijan:** Featherweight Rodolfo Garcia beat Castro Moreno, TKO6.

▲**Mataro:** Featherweight Valerario Morales decisioned Fernando Segura, eight.

▲**Madrid:** Mando Ramos outpointed Pedro Carrasco in 15 in a bout for the so-called WBC world lightweight title before a crowd of some 12,000 at the Sportpalast. Carrasco was decked in frames one and two. This was the third meeting between these two men inside eight months. In November last year Ramos was disqualified and in February Ramos won on points. Both decisions were disputed.

The Spanish Boxing authorities are now asking the WBC to declare this third bout 'No Contest' claiming that Ramos was doped. A test proved positive. Traces of amphetamin were found. Almost everything was thrown into the ring when Ramos was declared the winner. The Mexican referee made Ramos the winner by 144-142. The American judge also favored Ramos 146-142 but the Spanish official saw Carrasco the winner by 145-142.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna:** Welterweight Cemal Kamaci, Turkey, drew with Walter Blaser, Switzerland, ten.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen:** Middleweight Tom Bogs, Denmark, beat Mike Pusateri, USA, KO1. (Why

come all that distance?) Tom Jensen, Denmark, outscored Les McAteer, Britain, eight. Junior middleweight Christian Larsen, Denmark, outpointed Albert Menduni, France, eight. Welterweight Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outpointed Rainer Mueller, Germany, eight. Junior welterweight Erkki Meronen, Finland, outscored Jacques Mamane, France, six.

▲**Copenhagen:** Roger Menetrey, France, held on to his European welterweight crown, beating Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, KO10. It was Hansen's first defeat in 22 fights. A left hook landed on the champions righteye in round four and it began to swell. Hansen was decked in frame nine and the end came in the tenth at the 2:26 spot. Hansen on rising was caught by left hook to the jaw and was counted out by referee Lorenzo Sanchez Villa, Spain.

Six thousand saw this promotion. Tom Bogs, Denmark, beat Matt Donovan, Trinadad, TKO10 the latter sustaining a cut eye. Middleweight Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Dramane Oudrago, France, KO5. Lightweight Erkki Meronen, Finland, decisioned Abbendi Baal, France, four. Junior middleweight Christian Larsen, Denmark, outpointed Ricky Porter, Jamaica, eight.

LUXEMBOURG

Junior welterweight Clement Tsinza beat Robert Brunel, TKO6.

HOLLAND

▲**Amsterdam:** Light heavyweight Jan Lubbers, Holland, outpointed Expedit Mountcho, ten. Middleweight Nico Alosery, Holland, beat Ben Lachemi, France, TKO1.

BELGIUM

▲**Ghent:** Junior middleweight Gerard Cola, France, beat Lionel Cuypers, Belgium, TKO3. Roger van Laere, Belgium, outscored Roger Martin, France, eight. Middleweight Gilbert Monteyne, Belgium, decisioned Jacques Brunnet, France, eight.

▲**Brussels:** Junior lightweight Theo Lemaine outscored Siki Snow, six.

GERMANY

▲**Fulda:** German light heavyweight champion Rudiger Schmidtke decisioned Ireno Werlemann, Holland, eight, before a crowd of 1,500. Schmidtke is now knocking on the door of Chris Finnegan for a European title fight. As seen, the German boxing situation is distressing.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva:** Welterweight Roger Menetrey, France, outpointed Art Ketties, USA, ten. Walter Blaser, Switzerland beat Fred Roeland, Belgium, KO3. Max Hebeisen, Switzerland, outscored Leonard Dessi, France, ten.

▲**Geneva:** Walter Blaser beat Jean Pierre Freidl, KO7 to win the welterweight title of Switzerland.

▲**Neutchatel:** Flyweight Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, beat Dominique Cesari, Italy, TKO5. Welterweight Max Herbeisen, Switzerland, outscored Salah Arafa, Algeria, eight.

▲**Basle:** Fernando Atzori, Italy, outscored Claude Lapinte, France, ten.

▲**Berne:** European flyweight champion Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, making his first defense since winning the title from Fernando Atzori, Italy, on March 3rd last, decisioned his Spanish challenger. Romero Garcia who was decked twice during their fifteen rounder. A crowd of 5,000 in attendance. The referee and the two judges handed in scorecards in favor of the champion, 74-68, 75-64, 75-64

MARTINEZ ONCE AGAIN SHOWS TOP CLASS IN KO OF GOMEZ

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Robertson, a 3-1 underdog, took command in the early rounds and looked like he might come up with an upset win.

The tide of battle changed in the sixth, when Changa cut Robertson's right eye. Carmona then stepped up his attack, taking the seventh by a large margin.

Midway in the eighth, referee George Latka decided that the wound was too serious to permit Robertson to continue.

In a second 10-rounder, Javier Ayala, 136, Tijuana, and Leoncio Ortiz, 137, Mexico City, went non stop for 10 rounds. The decision, a well received draw.

Frankie Granados, 119, East Los Angeles, decision over Juan Lopez, 120, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**INGLEWOOD**—Guam's David Diaz, 133, and Petey Vital, 134, El Monte, romped 10 fast rounds with Diaz a unanimous winner.

Lone knockdown of the spirited bout was registered by Diaz in the ninth round. The scoring was as follows: referee Rudy Jordan, 7-2, judge Bob Dossey, 8-2, and judge Abe Cohen, 7-3.

Renato Garcia, 148, Chile, KO over Elcazar Juarez, 147, Mexico, (2); Chuck Goodrun, 117½, Bell, decision over Frank Berrego, 121, East Los Angeles, (4); Lonnie Travis, 149, Los Angeles, outpointed Teddy Liggett, 152½, Bakersfield, (5).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Following a brief layoff after his knockout loss to Danny Lopez, Arturo (Tury) Pineda returned to the ring at Olympic.

His return was on the spectacular side. In the opening frame, he checked Speedy Naldo, of the Philippines, with a left-right combination.

The stocky Filipino came storming back from the knockdown to hurt Pineda during the remainder of the round.

As soon as the second round got under way, Pineda opened up and kept firing away till Naldo dropped for the full count. The time was 2:24.

Pineda weighed 130, the heaviest of his career. Naldo came in at 127. An excited gathering of 4872 paid $10,485 to watch Tury's win on his 20th birthday.

Manager Harry Kabakoff supplied a 300 pound cake for the Olympic fans.

In a scheduled ten, Jose Lujan, 131, Mexicali, needed but one round to finish off Ricardo Valenzuela, 135, East Los Angeles.

Frankie Granados, 118, Los Angeles, decisioned Juan Lopez, 118, Pomona, (6); Manny Leon, 121½, Mexico, decisioned Jose Morquecho, 120½, East Los Angeles, (4).

▲**INGLEWOOD**—Armando (Mando) Muniz, 151, East Los Angeles, jumped back into the win column, stopping Cassius (Bo) Greene, 150, Dallas, at 2:41 of the sixth round at the Forum.

For five rounds, Greene did alright, keeping his distance and flicking out his left jab. In the sixth, Cassius decided to slug it out with Muniz and that was his demise.

Muniz dropped the Texan for a nine count with a solid right to the chin. Then, Armando finished him off with a right, then a sharp left to the chin.

In his previous bout, Muniz took a boxing loss from veteran Raul Soriano at the Forum.

Two undefeated prospects, Bobby Chacon and Jimmy Heair, continued to win. Chacon, 126, San Fernando, decisioned Alfredo De la Rose, 129, San Diego, (6); Heair, 138, Inglewood, ko'ed Ben Hernandez, 137, Mexicali, Mex., (3).

DOWNEY, CANADIAN MIDDLE ● CHAMP, BEATS DURELLE ●

By FRED BISHOP

HALIFAX, CANADA — Dave Downey, 158, Halifax, is still Canadian middleweight champion after outpointing rough Joey Durelle, 156, Bais Ste. Annes, N.B. over twelve rounds before 6,000.

Durelle, who had been looking for this scrap for four years, was roughly treated by the local favorite. The champion, in superior condition, plus outstanding corner strategy, had the hard rock challenger swinging in vain. The champion landed with stinging left jabs and thumping blows to Durelle's stomach and ribs.

Durelle's best round was the fifth in which he caught the champion on the way in with a left hook that staggered Downey. But the weary Durelle could not follow up. In the twelfth a strong champion was pounding the challenger at will. The judges' scores were: Alex Nickerson: Downey, 7, Durelle 1, 4 even; Herb McMullen: Downey 8, Durelle 1, 3 even; Jim Greig: 9-2-1 for Downey.

The semi-final of 8 rounds was all action as Lawrence Hafey, 148, New Glasgow, Canada's #3 welterweight, outpointed Gerard Bouchard, 144, Quebec City, scoring a unanimous decision. They received a standing ovation from the largest crowd in Halifax in many years.

In a six rounder, a star was born as 19 year old Marc Gervais, 145, Quebec City, took a unanimous decision over Ernie Bigney, 140, Abercrombie N.S. Bigney had taken the fight on a week's notice and demands a rematch. There was one knockdown for an eight count in the sixth as Gervais set his man up with a left jab and followed with a right cross.

In a six rounder, Archie Lee, 160, Halifax, won his second of the season as he stopped Mickey McEachern, 164, Dingwall, C.B. midway through the fourth. Referee Percy Paris stopped the war when McEachern had been knocked out of the ring. The stoppage was booed for five minutes.

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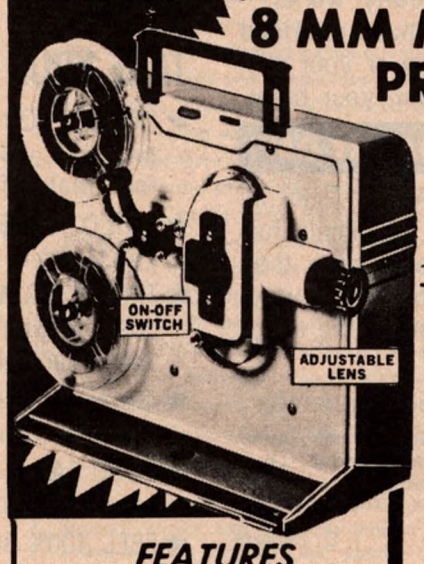

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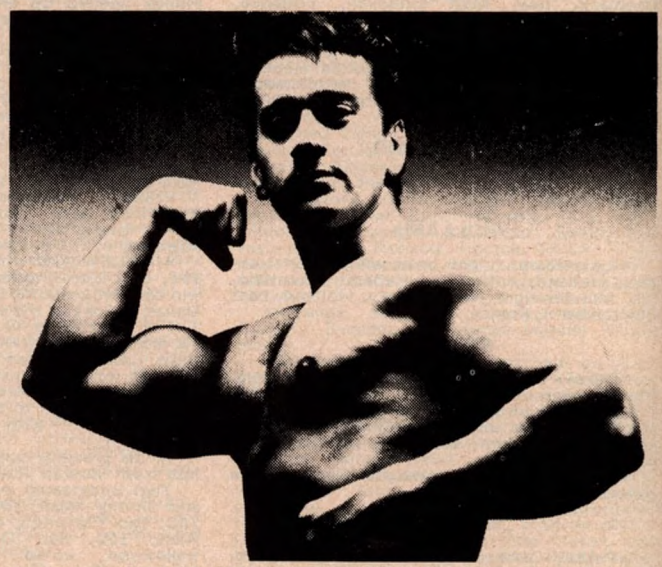

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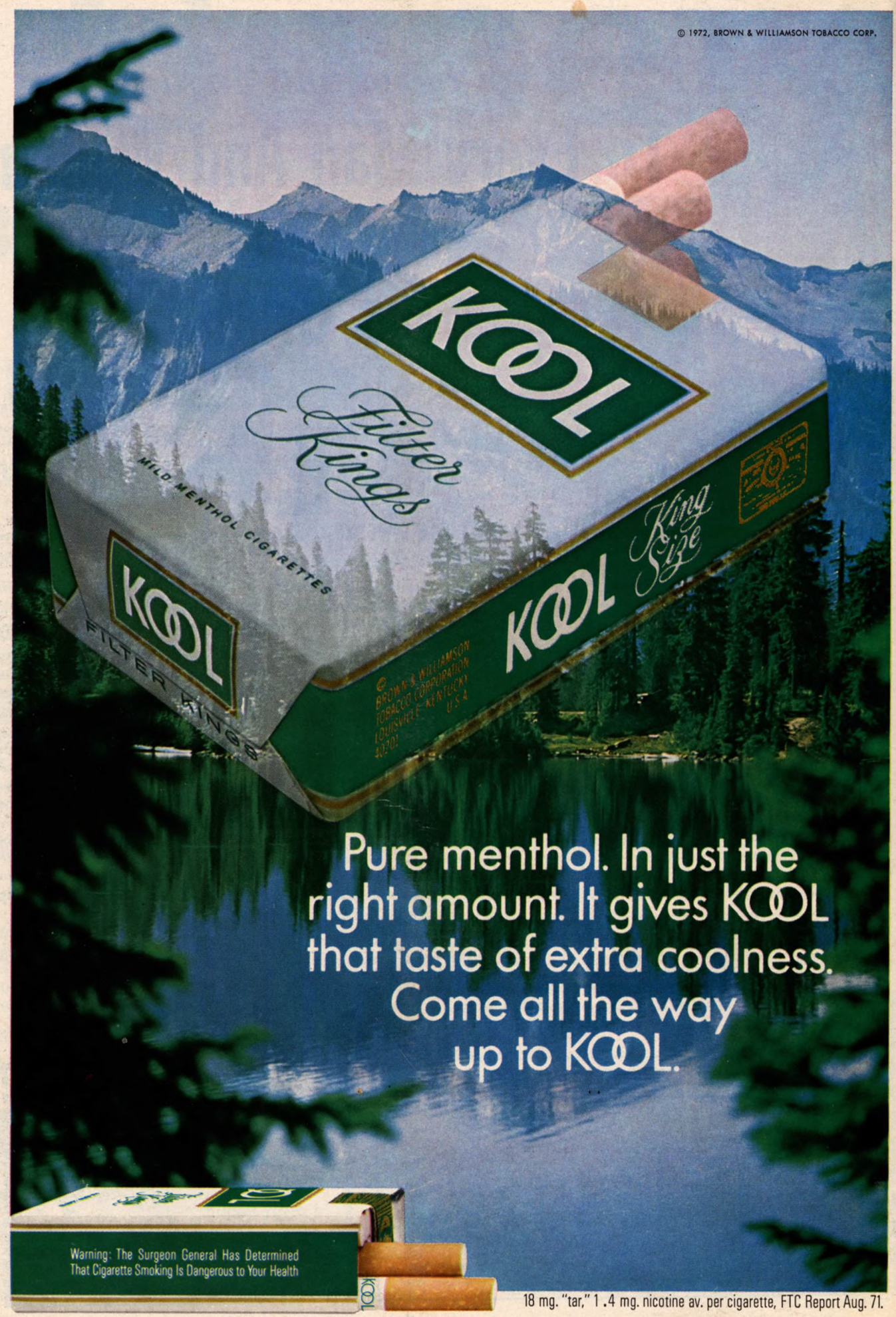

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